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Warily, Germany and Japan Sort Out Their Changing Ties

Tokyo Still Backs Away From Assisting Moscow

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune TOKYO — Before Germany was reunified and began to look beyond its wartime past, the Japanese felt a strong, if unspoken, solidarity with Germans. As former Axis allies defeated in World War II, they shared a sense of vulnerability and a desirate associated to the state of the s ty and a desire to rebuild their economies and international

With the winding down of the Cold War, though, the spirit of common destiny has evaporated, as Germany, intent on aiding its neighbors in Eastern Europe and Russia, us stepped up its criticism of Japan's refusal to provide targe-scale assistance to Moscow. Japan has yet to end its Cold War conflict with Russia, and resents the criticism.

So on Friday, when Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany arrives for a four-day visit, Tokyo will be welcoming, but wary. Mr. Kohl's visit, the first in seven years, is the

penultimate stop of a two-week Asian tour that is seen in Japan as evidence of Bonn's expanding interest in the

On one hand, Tokyo wants to build a new and closer political dialogue with a nation that, like Japan, will play a growing role in maintaining the post-Cold War order. At the same time, though, Tokyo is concerned about renewed German interest in Asia, a region that is vital to Japan but is

still, Japan believes, poorly understood by Bonn.
"We hate outside interference without adequate knowledge of the history of this area," said Kenichi Ito, the president of the Lipan Forum on International Relations. "We have no reason to be fearful, but we'll watch their

Older Japanese say in private that their suspicions are based in part on feelings of being slighted by Germany.

"Japanese educated during the war have a cultural nostalia for Hitler," said Keikicht Honda, the president of BOT Research, an arm of the Bank of Tokyo, "But it's a one-sided love affair. Germans of the same generation say Japan isn't

Such feelings may affect the perspective of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa during a meeting Saturday, when Mr. See JAPAN, Page 8

Bonn's Feelings Mingle Mystery, Fear and Envy

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — As their once-model economies decline day by day, Germany and Japan are watching each other closely for any insights that could lead to recovery. Japanese observers, aware of the depth of their own

economic plight, often express more faith in Germany's ability to master its problems than Germans do themselves. Many Germans, on the other hand, fear that Japan may already be too far ahead in the race to win world markets. These Germans say their country must quickly match Ja-pan's aggressive ability to change if they ever hope to catch

Japan is still regarded here as a land of mystery, more feared than understood. At the same time, an expanding Japanese business presence in Europe has led to curthroat

competition that makes the Asian challenge increasingly hard to ignore.

It therefore comes as no surprise that Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who on Friday begins his first visit to Japan in seven years, arrives accompanied by a handful of German industrialists eager to listen and learn, not just complain about a nagging trade imbalance.

What the Germans will hear, observers both here and in Japan say, is the increasingly insistent ring of a wake-up call they have been snoozing through for years.

"We hope Mr. Kohl will understand the importance of Japan in Asia both as a competitor and customer, and as a threat to our social structure," said Folker Streib, who manages the Tokyo branch of Germany's third largest bank, Commerzbank, "We don't have any policy regarding Asia," he said. "We're still sleeping."

Andreas Meckel, managing director of a Japanese economic development office in Düsseldorf, in an industrial region where some 400 Japanese companies have found a

"For many Germans." he said. "Japan is still part of the

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Clinton Sets First Summit With Yeltsin For April 4

Announcement Signals Inportance U.S. Puts On Reforms in Russia

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By John M. Goshko Washington Post Service

GENEVA - The United States and Russia announced Thursday that Presidents Bill Clinton and Boris N. Yeltsin will hold a one-day summit meeting on April 4, and the two governments said they had decided that conditions were right to reconvene the stalled Middle East peace talks in April.

The two-pronged announcement was made by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev following a two-hour meeting here.

It was the first face-to-face encounter between top officials of the two governments since the new U.S. administration took office a month ago, and it was scheduled on Mr. Christopher's first trip abroad to underscore the importance that Mr. Clinton attaches to relations with Russia.

The readiness of the two presidents for an early get-together, at a location still to be decided, is expected to signal to the world that Mr.
Clinton intends to give top priority to bolstering Mr. Yeltsin's embattled government.
U.S. officials indicated earlier this week that

the tangible sign of U.S. support was likely to be a boost in U.S. assistance — probably from the \$400 million previously earmarked for fiscal 1994 to a new total of more than \$700 million - despite an overall cut in U.S. foreign aid

The announcement that the two governments plan to send out invitations to begin the ninth round of the Middle East peace process in Washington in April came as a surprise. Mr. Christopher, who completed a visit to seven countries of the region before coming to Gene-va, said in Jerusalem on Wednesday night that he did not know when the peace talks, in limbo since December, might resume. (Page 2)
That had been widely regarded as a sign that

Mr. Christopher had not been able to fully resolve the problem of the Palestinian delegates' insistence that they would not return to the talks until Israel permitted the return of about 400 Palestinian militants it had deported to southern Lebanon.

Mr. Christopher said that a decision to go ahead with invitations for April was made after he had further talks Wednesday night and Thursday with the participants, including the Palestinians, and had discussed the matter with Mr. Kozyrev. Russia, although not actively involved, is co-sponsor with the United States of the peace process.

sian move was an attempt to pressure the participants in the talks — Israel, Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation — into renewed negotiations. Instead, he said, the decision had been dictated by his finding that Middle East leaders regard resumption of the talks as the region's most crucial issue and of greater importance than the deportees.

"I've been surprised," Mr. Christopher said, "by the number of leaders in countries who told me that this might be a one-time opportunity for peace, and I think they all want to grasp the

Mr. Christopher added that "it's in that context" that the statement extending invitations was made, "rather than trying to force anyone's hand"

Although the two ministers appeared confident that the talks would resume in April, they said a specific starting date remained to be

In regard to the Clinton-Yeltsin meeting, Mr. Kozyrev said the United States had proposed two dates and that his government had chosen the later one in order to have the maximum time to prepare. The meeting between the two leaders would mark Mr. Clinton's first venture outside the United States as president, and officials of both countries said they were beginming the search for a third country in which to

hold the meeting.
Sites reportedly under consideration include See SUMMIT, Page 8

Clinton Gives The Go-Ahead For Airdrops To Bosnians By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton announced Thursday that U.S. military transports would soon begin dropping hu-manitarian aid into remote areas of Bosnia and would spread the food around to all the warring factions - Muslims, Serbs and

Although Mr. Clinton had said on Wednesday that he expected other countries to take part, for now the United States will be

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conducting the operation alone.

Most U.S. allies privately viewed the airdrops as an inefficient and dangerous way to deliver aid that was being adopted by the Clinton administration out of a desire to show that it was doing something more than its predecessors, but without risking ground

Administration officials acknowledged that the operation was mostly symbolic, but one that they believe could save lives, and possibly prompt the Serbs to reopen the overland relief routes.

They also hope that by making a humanitarian gesture to all parties, it will help i and Serbs and Muslims to come to the peace-table in New York, where the Clinton administration expects to take a more active role.

All week, as he inched toward the announcement Thursday, Mr. Clinton has tried to assure an American public wary of entanelement in the Balkans that the operation was not the "initial foray into a wider military role" in the region, and that it would be relatively inexpensive.

Nevertheless, it is the deepest U.S. involvement yet in the Balkan conflict, and the first major intervention abroad, albeit humanitar-

ian, by the administration. In a written statement on Bosnia from the White House, Mr. Clinton said that "in view of the emergency humanitarian need," the United States would conduct airdrops over Bosnia in coordination with the United Nations and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, which now supervise the land con-

The timing and targeting of the operations will also be worked out between the United Nations and the Pentagon, but should begin

by this weekend. Mr. Clinton said the need for food and medicine was greatest in eastern Bosnia, and that large bundles of supplies and medicines would be dropped to villages and "priority for air deliveries will be determined without

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A group of mourners in Sarajevo praying at the grave of Almedena Seta, a 2-year-old Muslim girl who was killed when a shell fired by a Serbian tank hit her building.

Child's Death: Random Shell, or Ramadan Message?

By Peter Maass Wushington Post Service

SARAJEVO - A broken clock in Senadin Seta's kitchen shows the time of 4:50. That was when a Serbian tank shell smashed through the ceiling.

Mr. Seta, 32, was in the courtyard. It was Tuesday after-

noon, early in Ramadan, the holy month when Mushins fast through the day. His wife was upstairs in the kitchen, where she had cooked special muffins for the traditional evening

meal. Their 2-year-old daughter was asleep on a couch.

He heard the whistle of the shell and the terrifying whump when it hit the roof. He tore indoors, ran up the curving wood stairs, past a cute picture of kittens, and burst into the kitchen

People expect the top of Everest, if nowhere

Money may also have something do to with

it. Governments in the region now charge climbers hefty "peak fees" for the privilege of

risking their lives on the Himalayan slopes.

Knowing that others have turned parts of those

of the degradation after an expedition last fall.

Since the early 1950s, 147 expeditions with

more than 400 climbers have bivouacked in the

pass, and yellow oxygen cylinders litter the

rocky ground as far as the eye can see.

Mr. O'Neil said the reason is that when

climbers are coming down, they want to de-scend quickly and carry as little weight as

possible. "They are mostly concerned with stay-

In spring, winds gusting to more than 100 kilometers an hour scour the snow from the

South Col, revealing the full extent of the pollu-

This will give the Sherpa climbers who will

carry out the clean-up only about 18 days to clear the rocky pass before the snow starts piling up again. Whereas the mountaineering

expeditions spend as little time as possible at

the col, teams of Sherpas will spend one day

working and one day resting at a camp pitched on a 45-degree slope at 7,300 meters.

Battling the winds and a shortage of oxygen

that reduces physical and mental ability by as

much as 80 percent, the Sherpas will strap the

garbage onto lightweight sleds made of carbon

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slopes into an eyesore could be a turnoff. Mr. Royer said he was shocked at the extent

else, to be pristine.

alive," he said.

where his life lay in ruins, shattered like the ceiling. The room was filled with dust kicked up by the blast.

"My wife was screaming. She cried that our daughter had been hurt," he recalled wearily soon after the attack. "I grabbed my child in my arms and ran through the snow to the hospital without my shoes on. But it was too late. A small piece of shrapnel had hit her heart."

The scene at the hospital was recorded by a television cameraman. Mr. Seta was sitting on a chair, crying —a sleeve of his white sweater coated with his daughter's blood. There was a blotch of blood on his chest, where he had cradled the dying child as he ran to the hospital. Her name was Almedena, and she had curly brown hair.

Mr. Seta's wife was lying on a stretcher. She had been hit in the leg by shrapnel. She knew what had happened, that her only child was dead. There was a long moan, and then the cry that many Sarajevo mothers have pierced the cold air with:
"Why didn't God take me instead of my child?"

This happens almost daily in Sarajevo. A Muslim family, a Serbian bomb, and a blood-stained tragedy. Perhaps a baby gets killed, or perhaps a housewife, or perhaps a baby and a housewife and the husband, too. Almost every imaginable permutation of communal death has happened in Sarajevo in 10 months, and continues to happen.

Last spring, there was the bread-line massacre. A shell

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Just Call It High Tidiness Team Will Go Up Everest and Gather Rubbish Discarded by Other Climbers

By Barry James

International Herold Tribune PARIS - Question: Why should anyone want to clean the garbage from the top of the world's highest mountain? Answer: Because it's there.

Ever since Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first to reach the summit of Everest on May 29, 1953, hundreds of climbers have tried to follow them up the southern side of the 8,848-meter (29,028-foot) mountain. And where the expeditions went, so did their

Now a French-Nepalese team is about to clean up the tons of junk littering the 8,000meter South Col, or pass, that the expeditions have used as their final camp before attempting

to reach the peak. According to an estimate by the Nepal Mountaineering Association, the nearly 17 tons of refuse includes hundreds of empty steel oxygen bottles, tents, ropes and other equipment. The bodies of five of the 143 climbers reported to have died or gone missing on the mountain lie among the rubbish, according to Pierre Royer, the leader of the clean-up expedition, who called the situation an "unacceptable af-

front to the spirit." Sean O'Neil, a spokesman for the expedition, said he could not think of a reason for doing the clean-up other than the one that the mountainer George Leigh Mallory gave for wanting to climb Everest: "Because it is there." Mr. O'Neil likened the task to cleaning the grime off a gargoyle that no one sees on top of a medieval

"It's a little bit spiritual, if you like," he said.

Mobutu Warned On Zaire Captives

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WASHINGTON (Renters) — The United States said Thursday that it would hold Presi-dent Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire responsible for members of the transitional government being held captive by troops in Kinshasa. The troops have held about 400 members

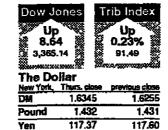
of the High Council prisoner for two days in a dispute over bank notes issued by Marshal Mobutu that the transitional government refuses to honor.
"We call on President Mobutu immediate-

ly to instruct his military commanders to release the High Council and allow the transition process to continue," the U.S. State Department said. "The U.S. government and world opinion will hold him responsible for the lives and welfare of those being held."

General News

The United States is beginning to devise a new nuclear strategy that would target terrorist states.

India arrested thousands in an attempt to break up Hindu protests.





SOMALI FACE-OFF - A Nigerian UN soldier ordering Somalis to raise their arms in Mogadishu on Thursday as Somali gummen kept up their attacks. Page 2.

Italy's Scandal Hits Deeper Still

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

MILAN - Italy's corruption scandal gnawed further into the country's business and political elite Thursday with the resignation of a leading politician who had promoted himself as an emblem of probity, the arrest of one of the country's richest industrial barons and the apparent suicide of a government official implicated in the affair.

Despite this new buffeting, the Socialist prime minister, Giuliano Amato, survived a parliamentary confidence vote he had called to by to restore credibility to a fragile coalition government rocked by the resignations of senior ministers and by the Socialist Party's association with financial scandal.

"Time is running out for us to restore confidence." Mr. Amato had said the day before Thursday's vote, which he won by 310 to 265 in the 630-member lower house. It was the 11th such vote that Mr. Amato had called since taking office eight months ago.
The outcome meant that Mr. Amato had yet

again succeeded in dragooning his fractious coalition partners into backing him after a flurry of reports last week that his main allies, the Christian Democrats, were casting about for a new government lineup.

For many Italians, however, the vote was likely to be overshadowed by the latest casualties of the so-called mani pulite - clean hands investigation by magistrates here. The mag-istrates are investigating illicit activities by poli-

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Somali Bands Challenge Coalition Troops in Capital

By Stuart Auerbach

MOGADISHU, Somalia - For the second straight day, Somali gunmen on Thursday defied the might of more than 30,000 U.S. and allied troops and fired on United Nations offices, compounds of aid organiza-tions and hotels, and in the vicinity of the U.S. diplomatic mission.

There were no reports of casualties among the international aid workers or U.S. diplomats, but three U.S. Marines and two Nigerian soldiers were wounded. There were no clear reports of Somali casualties.

Massive firepower from U.S. and allied forces failed to stem the persistent guntire from roving bands of Somalis armed with light weapons and machine guns for most of the day. As suddenly as it began, the shooting stopped at about 3 P. M. when one of the city's leading warlords, General Mohammed Farrah Aidid, showed how much control he still wields over

"He was flexing his power," said Marine Colonel Fred Peck, the military spokesman.

General Aidid appeared to have instigated the out-bursts on Wednesday and Thursday in broadcasts over his party's radio station. On Wednesday, he accused the United States and the United Nations of playing favorites in their treatment of the country's warlords and on Thursday he blamed five Somali deaths on Wednesday on "trigger happy" U.S. troops. Colonel Peck said both allegations were unfounded.

The fighting over the past two days demonstrated the tenuous hold that the United States and their allies have over this country and how much trouble a UN force of fewer men will have when it takes over in the

Although Colonel Peck said the two days of disruptions were unlikely to slow the withdrawal of Ameri-

the city when loudspeakers broadcast an appeal from can troops in favor of the UN force, diplomats conhim for peace and calm.

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"An troops in favor of the UN force, diplomats conceded privately that it appeared unlikely that the United States will be able to meet a self-imposed mid
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Already, the transfer of command of troops from the United States to Belgium in the port city of Kismayu, scheduled for Monday, has been delayed because of an incident there that Colonel Peck said triggered the fighting here.

In Kismayu, forces loyal to an archenemy of Gener-In Kismayu, forces loyal to an archenemy of General Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan, were able to slip past U.S. and Belgiam troops on Monday and grab a few blocks of the city from a faction controlled by Colonel Omar Jess, an ally of General Aidid. On Thursday, responding to an ultimatum by U.S. authorities, 60 of General Morgan's men left Kiemayu for a carm in a town 145 kilometers. men left Kismayu for a camp in a town 145 kilometers

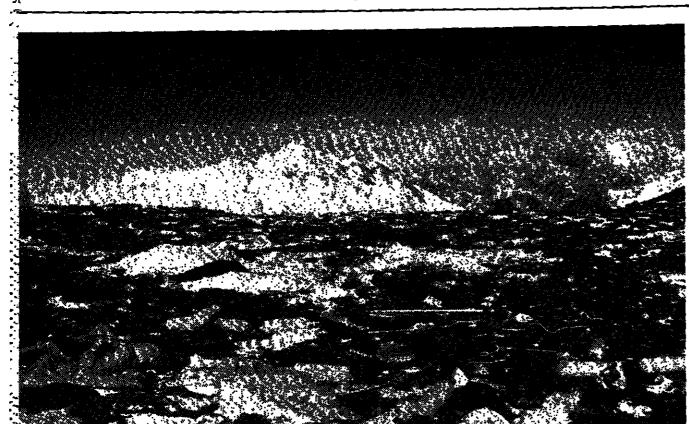
Nonetheless, in the world of Somalian clan politics,

"He had to do something or his followers would think he is weak," said a Somali businessman.

General Aidid also was able to demonstrate that he remains a powerful figure despite the disarming of his lighting force.

Shooting began here Thursday before dawn when Nigerian soldiers on the roof of the Sahafi Hotel,

to-house through the neighborhood of the hotel scarching for weapons. The Marines met no



The field of discarded oxygen canisters and other debris that a French-Nepalese team will attempt to clear from the slopes of Everest.

LITTER: Team Will Go Up Everest to Bring Back Other Climbers' Junk

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fiber. The litter will be lowered to a base camp at 5,400 meters, then loaded onto the backs of yaks, taken to the closest airfield, at Luckia, the building of the sleds in Chamoand flown to Kathmandu for dis-

junk left on the mountains, including the wreckage of two Italian helicopters, but most of it is under deep snow cover and does not offend the eye. Because of the extreme cold and the lack of oxygen at the top.

at that elevation, the oxygen canisters do not rust, and organic material does not decompose.

Mr. Royer, who is supervising nix, France, said the operation inverts the usual pyramidal structure The garbage is only a part of the of Himalayan expeditions. Instead of having a huge support team supporting a couple of climbers at the summit, the clean-up operation will have a few people in the lower camps supporting a large number

ing at 8,000 meters, a feat totally without precedent in the history of climbing," Mr. Royer said. "And the operative word is working," something no one has ever done before at that altitude. At 8,000 meters, all you normally think Organization. about is surviving."

The \$740,000 expedition is being organized on behalf of the Nepalese government by Dolma, a -based consortium of climbers and film-makers, who are plan-

"There will be 40 Sherpas work-ning to make at least four television documentaries on the project as well as carry out medical experiments on the effects of working at high altitudes. The project also is supported by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural

Mr. O'Neil said it was "beyond belief" that mountaineers could have created such a mess. "In future," he added, "the rule is going to be that what goes up must come

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A vote for opposing parties is a of national life, such as education. negative vote - a vote for

Every voter in every country is realizing that a vote for any of the parties who oppose one another is not only a wasted vote; it is a negative vote, contributing towards conflict and chaos in the country. Everyone realizes that parties who have proved their failure in government should not be given a further chance.

Politics should be a pious profession. It should be in the hands of knowledgeable, competent, and honest people. It should not be a commercial undertaking, using political power for personal gain. Voting should not be guided by friendship, which has a very narrow area of purposefulness. Consideration of competence should be the primary judgment of every

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Any ruling party in any European country, if not carefully chosen by the people, will create a government that is not only a nuisance to the country. but which will also infiltrate failure. frustration, and problems into the neighbouESring countries. Particularly in Europe, the voters have realized that their responsibility does not end with their national borders; it extends to the whole continent.

The voters in each country are also realizing that the British people did not respond to the call of the Natural Law Party in Britain. From the time of the British general election, the government has been facing increasing

The voters in every country are not going to miss the opportunity to elect a Natural Law Party government.

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U.S. Is Redefining **Nuclear Deterrence**

Terrorist Nations Targeted

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, iebraska — Here on the frozen Midwestern prairie, an American general is devising a new strategy of nuclear deterrence.

Neither President Bill Clinton nor Defense Secretary Les Aspin has been advised yet, but General Lee Butler and his planners at the U.S. Strategic Command, the nerve center of the U.S. nuclear strike force, are in the early stages of building and testing computer models that could enable Mr. Clinton to aim nuclear weapons at Third World nations that threaten the interests of the United States or

Specialists in the aiming of missiles at this base just south of Omaha still cast a wary eye toward the former Soviet republics. Mindful of the diminishing threat from that quarter, however, they are also redefining the concept of nuclear deterrence to include the possible use of the country's ultimate power against terrorist states or rogue leaders who threaten to use their own nuclear, chemical or biological

"Our focus now is not just the former Soviet Union but any potentially hostile country that has or is seeking weapons of mass destruc-tion," said General Butler, 53, a former political science professor at the Air Force Academy known for his thoughtful approach to

long-range planning. While General Butler casts his notions in the language of a mili-tary intellectual, there are also concerns about bureaucratic survival. His command, one of the most important to the Cold War military, is swiftly losing its place at the head of the line as the Soviet missile threat recedes.

General Butler said he had not first five weeks in office.

General Butler and his planners "Intentions and capability are emphasize that the chances are remote that Washington would use Major Gary Moore, airborne battle nuclear weapons against a terrorist staff director for a plane that would state. They also say they are merely serve as one flying command post refining procedures for designating in an all-out war. "As long as there targets to give the president and the is that capability out there, Strat-

say that having these options available and known to adversaries is at the heart of the new concept.

Deterrence may not work in the old Soviet-American terms, but I'm convinced that having nuclear weapons still matters." General Butler said in a four-hour interview. "It's not a mistake that Saddam Hussein never used chemical or biological weapons in the Persian Gulf War."

He acknowledged that deterrence might not work at all against weapon, and he said that weakness of deterrence made efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear devices that much more important.

General Butler said the new concept aims to be flexible and respond to changing threats within 48 hours. It will also have to deal with political hurdles, environmental dangers, risks to civilians and other considerations that Cold War planners did not worry about.

If General Butler's planning i accepted, senior civilian policy planners in Washington would decide in which countries to select targets. But Strategic Command officials say they can develop the tar-geting mechanisms in advance.

We can do planning for generic targets without having to have specritic coordinates or exact enemies," said Colonel Lou Moses, a senior planner on General Butler's staff. Our adaptive planning efforts are aimed at providing the secretary of defense and the president with strategic options for use of nuclear or nuclear weapons in the face of such threats."

This is not to say the former Soviet republics have been forgotten. Forty feet underground here, military controllers practice the same ritual 10 times a day - their

response to a nuclear attack. Military controllers here still revet consulted with Mr. Aspin or his hearse nuclear strikes with launchsenior aides about his ideas, but ing officers who work in subterraanticipation of their eventual re-view of his command's releases. view of his command's relevance. Russia in about 30 minutes. They Senior White House aides say they still practice aboard the 12 to 14 are interested in discussing General Trident or Poseidon submarines, Butler's planning, but have been each bearing scores of nuclear wartoo busy with other matters in their heads, that ply the Atlantic and Pacific.

defense secretary. But the officers com has a very important mission."

Nuclear-Export Control In Russia Called Weak

By R. Jeffrey Smith

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON -- Russia has yet to create an effective system for controlling exports of sensitive military equipment and technologies related to nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, according to R. James Woolsey Jr., the director of central intelligence.

Although Russian leaders have strongly supported enactment of such controls, "the lure of large, illegal profits" and "legal, person-nel and funding problems" are slowing government efforts to block the spill of Russian arms and military know-how to other nations, Mr. Woolsey said.

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in testimony Wednesday before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Mr. Woolsey said proliferation problems existed worldwide. But he emphasized the special dangers created by the collapse of the Soviet Union.

On the positive side, Mr. Woolsey said, the Central Intelligence Agency has received no "credible reporting" that nuclear arms or significant quantities of weapongrade nuclear materials have been exported from Russia. He also said that "under current circumstances, there is little prospect for a failure of control" over Russia's nuclear arms, including the 3,000 strategic warheads still on the territory of Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus.

He said, however, that the intelligence community was worried about the fate of these strategic weapons in the coming 10 years, when they are supposed to be dis-mantled under a U.S.-Soviet arms treaty. Mr. Woolsey said Russia in this period was likely to suffer mounting political difficulties. widespread violence on its borders and the possibility of disruptions inside Russia itself."

Lawrence Gershwin, the CIA's national intelligence officer for strategic programs, said that while all missile-mounted warheads remained firmly under Russian control, the certainty of Russia's possession and control of bomber warheads at military bases inside Ukraine was less clear.

"We don't think there is much chance at all today that Ukraine could, in fact, use the bombers it has with nuclear warheads on board."

While no Russian nuclear design information has yet been exported, Mr. Woolsey said, Russia's emigration and customs agencies are incapable of monitoring the potential flight of "more than the most criti-cal personnel" to Third World nations pursuing chemical, nuclear or biological weapons.

Palestinians Hopeful On Talks but Demand End to Deportee Crisis

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Although withholding their official response to an American and Russian call for a new round of Israeli-Arab peace talks in April, Palestinian negotiators said Thursday that they hoped for a quick resolution of the deportees crisis so they would

be able to attend. Other parties to the peace negotiations — Israel, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon — also did not respond immediately to the Americans and Russians, who technically are co-sponsors of the talks even though Moscow is clearly the junior partner.

But, unlike the Palestinians. those countries are not a big question mark. Judging from their public statements during the just-completed swing through the region by Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, they seem certain to say yes, and the only issue is when.

"I'm glad," the Israeli foreign minister. Shimon Peres, said Thursday night. "It is a right move in the right direction." Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he would respond only after receiving a formal invitation, but according to another official. "We are confident that all the parties will come, and we look forward to it"

The main issue now is what the Palestinians will say. Their leaders in the occupied territories offered Thursday their most upbear assessments since Israel's mid-December banish-

ment of more than 400 accused Islamic militants to Lebanon. "I certainly hope that we will be able to participate," said Ha-nan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delegation. But she added that new U.S. propossis to deal with the deportations and other important mat-ters for the Palestinians were

still being discussed and had to be settled first. I think if all the points and all the ideas raised are accepted. as they are," Mrs. Ashrawi said, "then the chances are very good indeed" that Palestinian negotiators will attend the next peace round in Washington, No. 9 in a series of thus far inconclusive

In the view of foreign diplomats here, the U.S.-Russian annonncement has put added pressure on the Palestmans to say yes so that they will not be isolated from other Arab dele-

. The Syrians in particular are eager to move beyond the de-portations and get on with what they consider the more important objective of negotiating a peace agreement with Israel that would give them back the Golan Heights.

Apparently, Israeli residents on the Golan fear that such an arrangement is now a more distinct possibility than ever before, for they stepped up anti-government protests during the Christopher visit to Jerusalem this week, warning that any yielding of territory would ham Israeli security.

WORLD BRIEFS

Yeltsin Proposals Stall in Parliament

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The Russian parliament simbled President Boris N. Yeltsin on Thursday, refusing to discuss his proposals for a constitutional accord and dragging its feet over tacking a crisis of

authority paralyzing Russian politics.
Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, chairman of the Congress of People's Deputies and Mr. Yeltsin's main rival, had no difficulty personding deputies to postpone formal discussion of the proposed accord and put off moves to call Russia's supreme legislature to break the deadlock until March 4.

Mr. Yeltsin's camp sought to keep up the pressure by pushing ahead with preparations for a controversial referendum that he hopes will decide who rules Russia, president or parliament. Itar-Tass news agency said a senior Yeltsin aide, Mikhail Poltoranin, said in Omsk that the referendum, scheduled for April 11, would definitely go ahead. Mr. Yeltsin sees the referendum as a way to halt the steady erosion of hispowers by parliament. Many senior politicisms and leaders of Russia's ethnic regions say it would be destabilizing and could break up the

2 Rightist Youths Jailed in Dresden

DRESDEN, Germany (Reuters) — Police have arrested two youths suspected of crushing a man under a minivan during an attack by a rightist gang on a youth club here.

Officials said Thursday that the youths had been accused of overturn-

The suspects, who were not identified, were arrested after a weekend assault by about 40 skinheads and other rightist youths. The police said the youths had been seeking revenge for an earlier clash with young leftists in Dresden. It was the latest in a series of clashes between rightist and leftist gangs in Germany, sparked in part by more than a year of attacks by neo-Nazis and other rightists on foreigners.

China Denies Beating of Reporter

BELIING (AFP) — The Chinese government denied Thursday that it was responsible for the beating of an American reporter and said no further investigation would be made.

"There was no such thing as police brutalities," a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Li Jianying, said when asked about the ABC News correspondent Todd Carrel, "After this incident occurred last year we con-

spondent 1000 Carrel. After this manufact tocomet has year we conducted investigations on the matter and provided a timely account. The case was closed long ago."

Mr. Carrel suffers back and neck pains and walks with difficulty from a beating at Tiananmen Square in Beijing on June 3 last year while covering the third anniversary of the suppression of the democracy movement, according to a letter submitted to the ministry by the Foreign Correspondence. dents Club of Beijing.

For the Record

More than 10,000 people marched in the center of Yerevan, the Armenian capital. Thursday to demand the resignation of President Levon Ter-Petrossian in a demonstration called by the opposition. (AFP) Senegal's president, Abdou Dionf, appeared to be winning easily over his challenger, Abdoulaye Wade, according to partial results of Sunday's election that were published Thursday.

Corrections

Because of an editing error, an article in Thursday's editions incorrectidentified Kim Campbell, the Canadian defense minister, as a man. Because of a composing room error, the Amex stock quotations were missing from some editions Thursday, and the Nasdaq quotations were mislabeled. The IHT regrets the annoyance. Readers desiring correct versions of either table can obtain them by writing to Financial News Statistics, International Herald Tribune, 181 Avenue Charles de Gaulle,

TRAVEL UPDATE

Trains were late Thursday and so were thousands of drivers, as a snow storm held part of Austria and the neighboring Czech Republic in its grip for the second day. In Vienna, 1,600 men showeling snow for the city failed to make much of a dent in the drifts that stranded cars and trucks and blocked streetcars and buses.

French farmers dumped potatoes to close part of the Lille-Paris Al autoroute Thursday and blockaded several other roads in northern France to protest a drop in potato prices due to overproduction. (AFP) Scandinavian Airlines System said it would expand service to the Baltic region starting this summer. SAS said it planned 52 flights a week to

destinations including St. Petersburg and Tallinn, Estonia. (Reuters) The police are warning drivers in Poland not to stop at night in isolated areas after a sharp increase in robberies. Last year, several dozen people were killed in a total of 250 armed robberies, up from just 15 attacks in

1991, according to media reports. Japan Airlines plans to fit an air-sampling device on its planes to monitor the effects of global warming, a JAL spokesman said Thursday. The device would measure the density of carbon dioxide and methane gas at altitudes of 10,000 to 12,000 meters (33,000 to 40,000 feet) on some

regular commercial flights. China has suspended AIDS testing for travelers crossing from Hong Kong into Guangdong Province, an official report said Thursday, Atthorities began random testing of non-Chinese visitors in January as pair of an attempt to stem an increase in AIDS cases in Guangdong, where prostitution and intravenous drug use are on the increase."

Air France ground staff at Frankfust airport began the first in a planned series of one-day strikes at German airports to support demands for negotiated wage agreements, the German news agency DPA said, resulting in slight delays of five flights.

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Public Support for Clinton Rises to 63%

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's approval rating has

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's approval rating has climbed nine percentage points since early last week, bolstered by indications of strong public support for his economic program, according to an ABC News poll.

Mr. Clinton was given a favorable assessment by 63 percent of the 1,000 adults surveyed, up from 54 percent nine days ago. The president's disapproval rating was 30 percent in the latest survey, down one percentage point from the previous poll. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The proportion of those undecided dropped sharply to 7 percent from 15 percent, suggesting that Mr. Clinton has been winning people over to his side since he unveiled his economic package on Feb. 17. The latest poll showed that 63 percent of the public approved of his economic plan.

(Reuters) approved of his economic plan.

Congressional Leaders Opt for Pay Freeze

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders agreed to freeze sala-nies of lawmakers and their staffs next year in line with President Bill Clinton's proposal to drop a 1994 cost-of-living increase for other

Anxious to avoid the wrath of voters for taking a pay increase while denying raises to other federal workers, lawmakers indicated that they will go along with their leaders' decision. The plan will not affect the 3.2 percent congressional pay increase for 1993 that took effect Jan. 1, raising the salaries of House and Senate members to \$133,644 a year. A statement of support for a pay freeze was issued by the bipartisan leadership of both houses after the Senate voted, 98 to 0, for a nonbinding resolution committing senators to forgo an estimated 2.1 percent pay increase that would otherwise take effect

next January.

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"It's bad policy, it's bad politics," said Senator John B. Breaux, Democrat of Louisiana, referring to the prospect of receiving pay increases that were being denied to other federal workers. And Senator Phil Gramm, Republican of Texas, asked if the Senate resolution would eventually be given the force of law, said, "I don't think even the Second Coming would derail this. I suspect even the Lord himself is for it."

Library of Congress Plans Some User Fees

WASHINGTON - For the first time in its 193-year history, the Library of Congress is proposing to charge the public for a broad array of information services.

The library has asked Congress to allow it to charge users for such new services as computer access to the contents of its 100 millionitem collection and for searches of commercial electronic databases. It also wants to charge for translation services, document delivery and for special events and programs held at the library, though basic library services that are free now would remain that way. (WP)

Tax Proposal Dropped From Health Package

WASHINGTON - The White House health care task force has abandoned a politically sensitive proposal to tax health benefits that workers receive from employers, previously a key element of an emerging tax package to help finance national health care reform.

The reason, sources said, is the opposition of Hillary Rodham Clinton, who chairs the presidential Task Force on National Health Care Reform. The proposal had been drawing growing opposition from a coalition of labor, business and insurance industry representatives. "She did not think it's wise to have it in the plan," said a source who met this week with Mrs. Clinton.

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Senator Trent Lott, a Mississippi Republican: "The greatest risk for Republicans is not that we speak up. The worst thing for us is to stand mute and not say anything. Then you become irrelevant."

'Fine,' Aspin Leaves Hospital

rsdav smiline broadly. "I feel fine," he said after four nights in the Georgetown University Hospital's coronary care

Bundled in a down jacket as he left the hospital and entered a limousine for a police-escorted ride to his home nearby, Mr. Aspin said he had "fully recovered" and would be at his desk in the Pentagon later in

Mr. Aspin said he would return to his full-time schedule Friday and

that there would be no change in WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin walked out of the hornies. Thurrday continue we'll have to give and take a little on that." He also said give up playing squash.

Mr. Aspin, 54, suffers from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, a

thickening of the heart muscle. The condition was aggravated by a typhoid inoculation he had been given by military doctors Saturday. Earlier Thursday, the White House said President Bill Clinton

was confident that Mr. Aspin would be "fully capable" of fulfilling his duties.

(AP, Reuters)

Abortion Pill Maker Wants U.S. Market

By Philip J. Hilts

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The president of the French company that makes the abortion pill RU486 has told the U.S. commissioner of food and drugs that he believes the drug should be made available in the United States.

The commissioner, Dr. David A.

Kessler, and the pharmaceutical executive, Edouard Sakiz of Roussel-Uclaf, held a meeting Wednes-day that may signal the first step toward bringing the abortion drug to market in the United States. Dr. Kessler said Mr. Sakiz was

willing to discuss how the drug could be marketed by another company or research institution under an agreement with his company. Marketing of the abortion pill has been long sought by women's groups and long opposed by anti-abortion groups. The company had previously refused to seek approval to market RU486 because of what it described as the anti-abortion climate in the United States, notably the opposition to abortion ex-pressed by Presidents Ronald Rea-

gan and George Bush. In addition, anti-abortion groups said they would boycott the U.S. subsidiary of Roussel's par-ent, Hoechst AG, if the drug were marketed in the United States.

By contrast, President Bill Clin-ton said during the presidential campaign that American women should have the option of using RU486. He repeated that assertion last month when he signed five memorandums revoking a decade of abortion-related bans imposed

The Food and Drug Administration has said in the past that it would take rapid action on an application to market RU486. If the application process went smoothly. it could take 18 months to get the drug to market after an application

The drug is now available only in government clinics under strict guidelines in France, Britain and

Sweden. About 120,000 women have taken it, in what amounts to gan's chief congressional liaison one of the largest drug safety tests in industry history before approval has been sought in the United

surgical procedure for abortion, American women should have access to that alternative," Dr.

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Clinton Aides Frustrated at Slow Pace of Filling Jobs would be "too few civilians" taking part in the coming Pentagon debates over military spending. The Clinton White House is not the first to claim a By Douglas Jehl New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Some cabinet officers and oth-To fill the void, the top officials at the State Department, the Pentagon, the Treasury and some other departments have quietly hired as temporary employ-

ers in the Clinton administration are expressing frus-tration with the time-consuming efforts by the White House to add diversity and otherwise influence selections for top government posts.

Some of the cabinet members blame fine-tuning by the White House for compounding a process that is already slower than that of President Bill Clinton's

To fill 290 top government jobs subject to Senate confirmation, Mr. Clinton has so far submitted just 30 formal nominations. That is only about half the pace of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan in the first month of their presidencies, and only slightly better than that of George Bush, who had many fewer vacancies to fill because he kept a large number of Reagan officials in place.

At most government departments, there is no Clin-ton-appointed backup person to step in if a top official is away or ill, as occurred this week when Defense Secretary Les Aspin was hospitalized with heart prob-lems. Mr. Aspin's likely deputy, William Perry, has not been formally nominated.

ees or consultants many of the people expected to be named to top posts. At the Pentagon, for example, two policy aides, Walter Slocombe and Graham Allison. accompanied Mr. Aspin on a recent trip to Munich, even though neither has been nominated to a subcabi-

Such shadow appointees lack full authority in departmental decisions, which leaves much day-to-day management in the hands of civil servants and Bush administration holdovers. At the State Department, Strobe Talbott, the desig-

nated ambassador-at-large for Russian affairs, was permitted to join Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on his current overseas tour only after a leading Republican on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee granted him a special exception to a rule barring officials from such trips until their appointments are confirmed by the Senate.

Such uneasy arrangements have made many Democrats uncomfortable. Representative Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said she remained concerned that without Clinton appointees officially in place there

role in selecting those who will fill government jobs below cabinet rank. But it has been much more assertive than its recent predecessors in rejecting lists sub-mitted by cabinet officers and insisting upon its own choices, even at the assistant secretary rank.

Cabinet officers and other senior officials have not voiced their frustration in public. But administration aides said that some had made plain their exasperation in conversations with advisers and White House

Among those said to be most dissatisfied are Mr. Aspin, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Transportation Secretary Federico F. Pena. In an interview this week. Mr. Pena hinted at his discontent in recounting that while he had submitted "a whole page of names" to the White House, he had been reminded repeatedly that "they're presidential appointments." Mr. Pena was then quoted as saying that he and aides were "working with the White House in trying to

get some of these names out so we can start making some appointments." A spokesman for Mr. Pena, Richard Mintz, said Wednesday that the secretary was not inclined to be

said other cabinet secretaries had encountered similar obstacles. They said Mr. Aspin had been advised that

The officials also said that Henry G. Cisneros, the secretary of housing and urban development, had been told that his list included the names of too many

Without discussing those specific cases, Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary, acknowledged that scrutiny by Clinton aides had contributed

to delays. Other administration officials said they feared that the process would remain cumbersome. For one thing, they said, the fact that public concerns about government officials had widened to include such matters as child care had added to the officials' burdens in

scrutinizing potential nominees. In addition, they said, Hillary Rodham Clinton has joined with the White House personnel director, Bruce Lindsey, in asserting a major role in judging depart-mental recommendations. They said Mrs. Clinton was being assisted by Susan Thomases, a New York lawyer and longtime friend who is a White House consultant

but holds no title in the administration.

New Class In Congress Sets Deficit **As Priority**

By Karen Tumulty and William J. Eaton

Los Angeles Times Service
WASHINGTON — If there was any doubt about it before, there is none now: The largest crop of firstterm lawmakers in a half-century has made it clear to both their own leadership and President Bill Clinton that business is not as usual on Capitol Hill.

Congressional pressure, largely from these newcomers, forced Mr. Clinton this week to make an abrupt tactical reversal on his economic plan, putting deficit reduction ahead of increased spending. It was the clearest evidence yet that a new dynamic has taken root on Capitol Hill.

For the first time in 12 years, the Democrats have the power to enact an economic agenda. At the same time, the public is in the mood for change, particularly after Ross Perot struck a surprisingly resonant chord with a presidential campaign based primarily on deficit reduction. Toward those ends, voters have sent Washington its first Democratic president in 12 years and 110 new House members —64 of them Democrats.

"We are clearly the people who are the most sensitive to how the public is responding," said one of the first-termers, Representative Peter Deutsch, Democrat of Flori-

"We're going to be in the front lines in two years," he said, referring to running for re-election, adding: "Meanwhile, Ross Perot is out there. His presence is being felt in

everything we do." If the new lawmakers have a credo, Mr. Deutsch said, it is, "Just because you are a Democrat doesn't mean you are an economic

Of course, it remains to be seen whether enthusiasm for deficit reduction will subside, once the specifics of Mr. Clinton's program and the pain it will entail are completely understood. Then, skeptics pre-dict, public approval ratings will plummet, chastening today's bold deficit-cutters, and enabling en-

trenched interests to beat them back into submission. "Wait until you are 30 percent in the polls," said Ken Duberstein, who was President Ronald Reaand who appeared Wednesday at a Committee on the Constitutional System and Brookings Institution

forum on government gridlock. percent of cases. But for now, it appears that the "I told Mr. Sakiz that if there is a fiscally conservative newcomers But for now, it appears that the tutes a working majority with the moderate and conservative Democrats, who have been preaching the



WOMEN OF THE WORLD — Women who are permanent representatives to the Robin Mavala of Western Samoa, Louise Frechette of Canada, Narcisa Escaler of

Away From Politics

• After six years of one of the most severe dry spells in California history, Governor Pete Wilson has declared an end to the drought, officially closing the book on a natural disaster that may forever change the way Californians think about water.

for the secon spologized for inaccurate footage in a report. A Jan. 4 "NBC Nightly News" report on Idaho's Clearwater National Forest was inadvertently accompanied by videotape of dead fish from another forest, the anchor, Tom Brokaw, said. On Feb. 9, the network apologized for rigging a General Motors Corp. pickup truck to blow up for a "Dateline NBC" report on the vehicle's gas tanks.

 A federal jury in Rochester, New York, awarded \$107.25 million to relatives of four family members killed in a crash of a plane in 1986. The jury found that the plane's engine, made by Teledyne Continental Motors of California, was defective.

• Two policemen who were killed in Compton, California, during a routine traffic stop were shot several times in the head, executionstyle, while they lay wounded on the ground and had no chance to pull their guns, the police said.

• The federal trial of four police officers accused of violating the civil rights of Rodney G. King got under way in Los Angeles. The case involves the beating of Mr. King, who is black, by white policemen after a high-speed car chase.

California's superintendent of public instruction, Bill Honig, has been sentenced to four years' probation for violating the state's conflict-of-interest law and ordered to repay more than \$330,000 to

N.Y. Problem: Slain Workers Homicide Is Top Cause of Employee Deaths

By Peter Marks New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The leading cause of death for people at work in New York Čity is not construction accidents, car crashes or machinery malfunctions. It is homicide.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, in its first detailed analysis of work-related fatalities for 1991, found that 69 percent of the 177 New York City workers who died of injuries sustained while working were victims of homicide,

The number of slain workers, the bureau found, far exceeded those who died from causes like transportation accidents, falls, fires and explo-

Nationally, the leading cause of deaths while at work was transportation-related accidents.

Samuel M. Ehrenhalt, regional commissioner for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the largest share of slain workers in New York -41 percent - was in retail trade, with about half working in small grocery stores and the rest in clothing out-lets, gas stations and other small businesses. Taxi drivers also accounted for a significant number of

The vast majority of workers slain at work in New York, he said, were shot to death.

"This is strikingly different from what we're seeing in other places," Mr. Ehrenhalt said. "It suggests that if people here were not getting killed on the job in homicides, we would have quite a low rate of fatalities."

With crime a major concern in New York City, the figures did not come as a surprise to many. Thomas A. Reppetto, who heads the Citizens Crime Commission, a private watchdog group, said: "All through the '40s and '50s, we averaged 300 murders a year. Now, we average 2,000. I don't think anyone is going to be surprised by the figures because we've become inured to the problem of

In recent years, New York City officials have undertaken a number of efforts aimed at reducing crime, including Mayor David N. Dinkins's Safe Streets, Safe City program, which put more police officers on the streets.

City officials assert that such measures have already had an impact: In the first 10 months of last year, they said, homicides declined 9 percent from a year earlier.

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A Lifeline for Bosnia

Bill Clinton recognizes what some of America's allies prefer to deny — that the people of Bosnia may starve long before peace can be negotiated. That is why he is about to throw the Bosnians a lifeline, dropping supplies by air to relieve the suffering. The airdrops would provide a necessary antidote to marauding Serbian militias whose strategy is to "ethnically cleanse" towns and villages by starving out their inhabitants. And it answers those who would engage in endless negotiations at the expense of immediate help. But this cannot be a one-shot, token effort. It has to bring "sustained relief to all of besieged Bosnia."

A few European allies were always. ready to back an expanded relief effort, and others were prepared to go along once Washington took the lead. So, for that matter, was Russia. Russians fear the contagion of ethnic cleansing more than they love Serbia. Many have relatives in non-Russian republics who could be vulnerable to violent nationalism.

The strongest resistance to the aerial relief effort had come from Britain, which wanted only to talk peace. British diplomats went so far as to suggest that relief

that they included no arms. But in the end. London could not withstand the pressure to do something about the real problem in Bosnia: the starving people under siege.

The supplies would be released at 10,000

feet (3,000 meters) — a long and chancy drop. Effective drops require flights at much lower altitudes — about 400 feet above the ground. That of course would expose the planes to ground fire. Thus low-flying planes would require fighter escorts, with the attendant risk of a firefight with the Serbs.

Flying at higher altitudes avoids that risk but creates another: One-ton pallets of supplies can fall into the hands of the besieging forces or cause considerable damage in the very towns they are supposed to save.

High-altitude drops are certainly worth a try; the test of success is whether real relief reaches those in need. If it does, the airdrops may convince the Serbs that their efforts to prevent food getting through on the ground are futile.

Sending food by truck is the better longterm solution. But airdrops are a useful answer to the Serbian blockade. And, at last the United States will be directly involved in the effort to save Bosnians.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Training the Workers

President Bill Clinton and his labor secretary, Robert Reich, believe that a sure way to strengthen the economy is to strengthen the American worker. Invest in the skills of the people, and the country will prosper as it competes internationally. Thus, you hear as much about job training as about job creation.

The mismatch between jobs and skills has been long lamented by government and business. Both complain of an illiterate, innumerate work force and employees unable to operate computerized machinery. High-tech jobs that bring high wages need high-perfor-mance workers, the thinking goes. The administration would invest an extra

\$10 billion over four years in a multitiered plan aimed at closing this skills gap. One tier is a strengthened Job Corps and other programs for poor and disadvantaged youth. A second tier focuses on workers dislocated by layoffs, plant closings and trade imbalances. A third is an apprenticeship program for the "forgotten half" of students who seek nothing more than a high school diploma and for whom the country does far less than for the college-bound.

Training is important, but can it work a transformation? The answer, based on the available evidence, is at best mixed, in part because assisting a displaced logger is a far different venture from assisting an 18-yearold with an arrest record. Most of the variegated public training programs of the past 30 years, since Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, have had only marginal success: a

number have been outright failures.

A lot of money has been spent over the

years without much attention to effectiveness. A recent study of the government's largest training program, the Job Training Partnership Act, reveals that disadvantaged youth are not helped at all. The Job Corps, beloved of big city mayors, gets more favorable ratings - but it comes with the steepest price tag. The proposed apprenticeships, with a 13th year of school and certificates for occupational competency, have never been attempted in the United States. While some high schools have instituted tech-prep programs in conjunction with community colleges, true apprenticeships with businesses and trades are rare.

The Clinton administration is looking to a guild-oriented European model. Would American business agree to train and employ students as European business does? In Germany, apprenticeships are subject to agreements between industry and the unions. It is hard to imagine such arrange-ments in the United States, although Oregon and a few other states have initiated job-training programs after the 10th grade. The administration should regard these state initiatives as pilot programs.

The United States spends far less on training than other industrialized countries, and the activities that do exist stem from unrelated educational, social and economic goals. But simply spending more will not necessarily change the profile of the work force or create jobs. As Mr. Clinton, Mr. Reich and Congress talk up training, they should keep in mind the heavy burden of proof they bear - and perhaps start with less.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Mulroney Bows Out

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney may be also force the reduction of protectionist unpopular at home in Canada, but he has provincial barriers within Canada been a good friend to the United States, a close ally on global issues and a strong partner in demolishing trade barriers, Some Canadians say he is too friendly with Washington, but that is only one of his problems. He also faced an election this year, a long, deep recession, and low standing in the polls. An astute politician, he decided it was time to get out.

His departure does not, by itself, portend a change in U.S.-Canadian relations. While opposition parties are less open on trade policy, the only critical issue right now is the North American Free Trade Agreement. It seems safe to assume that Mr. Mulroney

will have it ratified before he goes. Regardless of who wins the next election, he has launched his nation in a promising new direction. Its free-trade links with the United States and Mexico will expand Canada's foreign trade, but these agreements

Mr. Mulroney's popularity began to plunge in the late 1980s, with imposition of an unpopular national sales tax, signs of corruption in high places, and public discontent over the free-trade agreement with Washington. Then came the recession, which hit Canada much harder than the United States, and another defeat in the struggle for a constitutional agreement between Quebec and the rest of Canada. Canadians, like their U.S. neighbors, ap-

pear to be looking for change. That has been apparent since the upset election of a socialist government in Ontario two and a half years ago, and from the subsequent gains of the populist Reform Party in opinion polis, especially in western Canada. Mr. Mulroney has had an exceptionally long run of nine years as prime minister - and as a good neighbor to the United States. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Somalia Going Sour

The spectacle of Somali rioters demonstrains outside the U.S. Embassy com-pound in Mogadishu and demanding that American go home is poor reward for a humanitation operation that is a credit to this nation for payment yes, but surprise overseas, particularly the United States intervenes

oversea, parcularly in Third World countries that it understands but dimly, this is a tion. It is a tisk that will be passed along, that organization is passed along, that organization is passed to come to grips of the united Nations as with the new world disporder.

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What Mr. Bush started will be Bill Clin.

ton's to finish. The new president can take pride in the fact that untold thousands of Somalis have been saved from starvation and suffering. But a political solution to Somalia's factional civil war is as distant as ever.

There is every likelihood that ingratitude will also be the fate of UN peacemaking forces. Their mission, one that Washington has declined, will be to set up a viable national authority in a nation that has no government. Somalia represents a new challenge for the world organization. No one in authority invited its help. And it will have to create a governmental framework, where the raw materials hardly exist, if there is be be any chance of a fragile peace. There even is talk of a trusteeship arrangement, despite its overtones of past colonialism.

Although the Somalia case could set a pattern for international efforts to deal with raging civil wars and ethnic-religious dis-putes in any number of places, it could have the reverse effect of discouraging such initiatives if it turns out badly. Good intentions are not enough. The United Nations will have to be selective; it can intervene only where the great powers find common goals and a common will.

- The Baltimore Sun.

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Intervention in the Balkans: Examining the Options New York - This column will explain

N EW YORK — This column will explain U.S. interests and policy options in Bosnia and what I think should be done. The next will show how to get other nations to join in stronger, though limited, action.

Why is Bosnia so important? • The Serbs' "ethnic cleansing" is driving hundreds of thousands of Bosnian Muslims into Western Europe, igniting right-wing reactions, especially in Germany.

• If the West fails to counter the Serbs in Bosnia, Belgrade could be emboldened to start "cleansing" in Kosovo and Macedonia and thus cause a wider Balkan war - engulfing Greece and Turkey.

• Bosnia is a major test case for whether the West and the United Nations can combat virulent nationalism and protect minorities.

• This war has unleashed a powerful evil inside people throughout ex-Yugoslavia - just as surely as Hitler loosed an evil in Germany. Such evil can be highly contagious, empowering thugs and dispiriting decent citizens everywhere. Few American or European leaders would

dispute these stakes. Which makes Americans

all the more dismayed that Europe, with the

most to lose, acts so feebly. The sad and undeniable truth is that European governments are too weak politically to take stronger action.

The United States can curse the darkness and

simply let the Europeans rot. Or it can help

By Leslie H. Gelb

Europe, in America's own interest, as it has done throughout this century.



What can be done? Option 1: Negotiated settlement. Aid the stricken as much as possible without using force, sanction the Serbs economically and try to make a deal among the warring Serbian,

Owen course of fashioning largely autonomous ethnic enclaves policed by outside forces. it is hard to see how all parties will accept such a plan. Because it is and must be based on

present military realities, it rewards the Serbs and Croats and punishes the Muslims. The Muslims will not buy it. And if they get a better deal, the others will not go along. In any case, few will have faith in enforcement.

If the parties signed up under great external pressure, they would create a jigsaw puzzle requiring up to 100,000 outside troops -indefinitely - to keep the peace. These troops would be at great risk. To boot, Serbian crimes

would be legitimized.

Option 2: Exhaustion. Don't validate Serbia's ill-gotten gains in a treaty, just let the parties exhaust themselves in battle. This was the Bush administration's approach and remains the unstated view of most West European leaders. This attitude is grounded in the region's

historical bloodletting. An observer wrote in 1917 that the inhabitants regarded their warring "partly as a sport and partly as a crusade."
But letting the parties sing it out with their current forces would mean a clear-cut Serbian victory, countless Muslim deaths, the partition of Bosnia by Serbs and Croats and the flight of a million Muslim refugees into Europe.

Option 3: Limited intervention / Fair fight.

The idea here is that the stakes warrant stronger

come entangled in long-term, large-scale policing, that the Serbs must be punished and contamed and that the Muslims deserve the chance

to defend themselves. First, launch air strikes against Serbian positions overlooking Sarajevo. While the attacks would not end the unlawful and barbaric siege, they would make life and aid delivery a lot

Second, create safe havens where most Muslims now live and protect them with about 15,000 European and U.S. troops. This would prevent more Muslims from fleeing abroad and

keep alive their hopes. Third, offer heavy arms to the Muslims, and Croats if necessary. They, not the West, should provide the ground troops. Initially, fighting and casualties will be heavier, but it will be a fair fight. Eventually the factions will establish a new military balance and reach a modus vivendi,

The danger is that the Serbian government could escalate by sending troops into Bosnia. The West would have to respond with air strikes against those troops and against Serbia

as well. No more, but no less. This risky option —or softer variants linking force to negonations — alone begins to satisfy U.S. interests. The problem will be persuading Russia, Britain, France and the United Nations to go along with it.

The New York Times.

For a NATO-Russian UN Intervention to End the War in Bosnia

TONDON - The recent Moscow visit by the U.S. special envoy Reginald Bartholomew highlighted the importance of Russian support for the Clinton administration's policy on Bosnia-Herzegovina. Neutral-izing possible Russian opposition and gaining diplomatic cooperation from Moscow are obviously necessary components of any strategy to stop the persistent Serbian aggression. But active engagement of elite, disciplined Russian military forces would increase the chances of

success considerably.

To end the war in Bosnia by effective military intervention has become a matter of urgent priority. The diplomatic effort has stalled for want of a credible enforcement plan, little hu-manitarian aid is getting through, and United Nations peacekeeping forces with their open lines of communication and restrictive rules of engagement can do nothing to solve

the underlying aggression.

The international community has been criminally negligent in not moving sooner to intervene with professional military forces to restore order in Bosnia. It is hard to imagine conditions being any worse in Bosnia than they are now, but conditions have been steadily deteri-

N EW DELHI — The forces of the Hindu right are bent on confronting the government. Plans by the main Hindu nationalist party,

the Bharatiya Janata Party, to bring a million

people to a protest rally in New Delhi on Thurs-

day, despite a government ban, were thwarted by

a massive security operation in which police

ers of the party throughout the country. More

extreme organizations allied to the BJP, which

initiated serious anti-Muslim violence in Bom-

bay last month, intend to disrupt public order

The aim of these groups is to make India ungovernable and to force the Congress Party

government of prime Minister P. V. Narasimha

Rao to hold a general election long before it is due in mid-1996. This would enable the BJP to

capitalize on a surge in its popularity since the

destruction of an ancient mosque at Ayodhya in December and subsequent communal violence.

The BJP knows that increased popularity after

noting has always been short-lived. Hence its

This is a huge gamble in which the risks out-weigh the opportunities. Moderates in the party

know this but have been marginalized at a time

when party leaders are not sure that they can

interest in more havoc and an early election.

across the country in the weeks ahead.

more than 125,000 support

By Jane M. O. Sharp and Vladimir Baronovsky

keeping action. Worst-case scenarios about what would happen without effective military intervention have proved only too accurate.

The question is no longer whether to intervene, but how. Air-dropped food parcels will not suffice. Order has to be restored so that people - primarily Muslims but also

Serbs and Croats - who were driven from their homes can return, and so that war criminals — primarily Serbs but also some Croats — can be brought to justice. But some kinds of military action risk exacerbating the conflict. In particular we should try

Some Western experts and political leaders, including President Bill Clinton, have argued that NATO is the only military organization capa-ble of effective intervention in Bosorating parallel with the UN peace- nia. France, however, blocked any

action by NATO outside the immediate NATO area, and Germany was unwilling to provide troops.

Even if those three NATO powers,

who also serve as three of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, agreed to intervene under UN auspices, without the Russians the intervention could be seen

Effective military intervention has become a matter of urgent priority. The diplomatic effort has stalled.

An Extremist Image Would Be Bad for the BJP

By James Manor

control the more extreme elements in their ranks.

probably will not work. The government is unlikely to fall. On paper, Mr. Rao has minority

support in parhament, but in practice he can in

most circumstances muster a narrow majority

with help from small parties. If Hindu militants

create a crisis, the parties of the left will probably

not oppose him, despite their distaste for his

economic reforms. They would not want to hand

the Hindu right a victory, and they know that in an early election the right would make gains.

More crucially, by fomenting disorder the BJP

narrows its public image in a way that could

gravely damage it. If it is to become the party of

government, it must avoid being seen merely as a

polarizing, destabilizing force. Many Indians support the BJP because it represents change to a

more parochial approach to politics in favor of the Hindu majority. But huge numbers of voters have also backed the BJP because it seemed more

responsible and respectable than other parties.

The BJP appeared more orderly and disciplined than Congress and other centrist parties that were plagued by factional strife and corrup-

The strategy is unwise on two counts. First, it

to avoid an intervention that could be perceived in Moscow and Belgrade as a Western action designed exclusively to punish the Serbs.

by Serbs as directed against them.
In the worst case this could provoke a strong reaction in Belgrade, galvanizing what are now undisci-plined Serbian irregulars into a cohesive force that might perpetrate even greater horrors in Bosnia than Serbs have already committed. In other words, the intervention might be closer to the Afghan than the Gulf model, triggering a determined and protracted guerrilla war.

If this were the result, not only would peace for the Bosnians be harder to achieve, but the repercussions could take a dramatic turn in Russia itself, both domestically and in terms of foreign policy. The con-servative-nationalist faction of the litical class could exploit the situation to make the official line in Moscow openly anti-Western, even actively supporting Serbs as new "victims of aggression" diplomatically, economically and militarily.

This could take us back to the Cold War antagonisms that the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, warned against at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

meeting in Stockholm in December.
Thus the sine qua non for a successful intervention, one that brings both peace and justice, that will be effective in the short run and not counterproductive in the long run, appears to be the involvement of cussian forces with NATO forces on the ground. This is the best chance to discipline the Serbian warlords both by demonstrating Russian solidarity with the West in the interest of an orderly settlement that protects Muslim and other minority rights, and by reassuring Serbs that they would be treated fairly.

We propose therefore not an exclusively NATO force, even though de facto the operation would be directed from NATO headquarters, but a UN force under joint Russian, U.S., British and French command, with the

tion. It was less associated than Congress was

with gangs of political louts. And in recent years

it has managed to attract enough leading profes-sionals, academics and retired civil servants to its

appeal. The party's reputation for internal dis-

cipline and probity had been badly dented even

before the recent violence, by faction fights and

corruption in states where it held power. If it

now becomes associated mainly with attacks on

places of worship and with carnage in the

streets, its reputation as an orderly, responsible

southern India where the BJP has always per-

formed poorly at parliamentary elections, and

where it must make major gains if it is to achieve

a majority. Opinion polls indicate that many

Indians are weary of strife. The BJP could pay a

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politics. He contributed this comment to the Inter-

heavy price for seeking to foment it.

This will be especially damaging in eastern and

force will be thrown away.

national Herald Tribune

ranks to appear as the party of restraint. If it wants to gain power, the BJP cannot afford to lose this vital second dimension to its kind of liaison between units that we had in World War II.

A first task of such an intervention force should be to close the external borders of Bosnia to the influx of additional Croatian and Serbian personnel. The intervention force should then relieve Sarajevo and all other areas currently under siege by Serbian forces, disarm all warring factions and restore order to reverse as far as possible the effects of "ethnic cleansing." Ideally it should also release all

prisoners, set up safe havens and deliver food, fuel and medical supplies.

How many troops would be required and precisely how they would operate is for military experts to decide, but the political goal should be clear; to restore and maintain order in Bosnia until the different ethnic and religious groups there could rebuild enough trust and confidence in each other to work out their own modus vivendi. The best way to buy time for this confidence-building would be to make Bosnia a UN protectorate secured by multinational

Could such an intervention for Bosnia be accepted in Moscow, taking into account recent sharp debates in Russia over foreign policy issues? We believe the plan could be attractive to the Russian political and

military elites across a broad ideological spectrum for several reasons: • The liberal-internationalists will not oppose an opportunity to act in a de facto alliance with the Western democracies, especially with the noble goal of ensuring peace and stabil-ity in what could otherwise become

again - a powder keg in Europe. • The centrist critics of Mr. Kozyrev's foreign policy, obsessed with the idea of re-establishing Russian "grandeur," would hardly be displeased with an opportunity to inrole of Moscow.

• Even nationalists appealing to historical memory and insisting on Slavic solidarity would have some difficulty arguing against a policy line that, although manifestly de-signed to punish Serbian war criminals, would also be designed to pre-vent humiliation of the Serbs en masse and give them their best shot at emerging from this ghastly war with the prospect of rehabilitating their reputation as a civilized people.

• This alliance (Britain, France, Russia and the United States) enjoyed some success earlier in this century and has experiences that imbue largely positive feelings in all four nations. Its renewal would bring about close cooperation between Russian and Western forces, a confidence-building measure that could erase the old enemy images of the Cold War as well as address the challenges in the new world disorder.

 Cooperation with the West in Bosnia would improve the self-es-teem of the Russian armed forces, currently in dangerous disarray. Serbian forces are less likely to

resist Russian troops. That should vastly enhance the Russian contribution to the effectiveness of the intervention force in Western eyes.

Vladimir Baranovsky, a Russian researcher currently at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and Jane M. O. Sharp, of King's College and the Institute for Public Policy in London, are collaborating on a research project, supported by the MacArthur Foundation, that explores the prospects for peace and security in post-Communist Europe. They contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

Clinton Is Wrong to Launch His Missiles at Airbus

WASHINGTON — Last week, speaking at Boeing's big Seattle plant, President Bill Clinton accused the European Community of unfairly subsidizing the arch-rival Airbus. The message, aimed at the 28,000 Boeing workers slotted for layoff due to declining orders, apparently signals a harder line on trade.

should seek the elusive "level playing field," and while Boeing's plight is serious. Airbus is the wrong target.

A mixed economy is a better route to sustainable economic growth than a laissez-faire one, in both Europe and America.

The United States and the Europeans have committed comparable subsidies to aircraft.

Since World War II, the United States has subsidized its industry indirectly, through military contracts valued in the trillions. Those contracts not only purchased fighters and bombers; they taught Americans how to design planes; they subsidized the construction of aircraft factories, the purchase of advanced production machinery and

the training of skilled workers. All of this gave American firms dominance of world aircraft markets. That dominance, in turn, allowed ample profits to be plowed back into investment, yielding even more so-phisticated planes and deterring po-

tential competitors.
In 1971, the Europeans, with far smaller military budgets, looked enviously at Boeing and decided to subsidize a new civil industry, directly. The French, Germans and British, after all, had built impresBy Robert Kuttner

sive military aircraft. But with U.S. manufacturers supplying more than 90 percent of the world's jetliners, no private European company could muster the capital investment to get back into the civilian game. So the European Community provided start-up capital and subsi-dized loans for what became the Air-

began building jetliners that are today the technical equal of Boeing's and enjoy a world market share approaching 30 percent.

The U.S. government reckons the total value of past EC Airbus subsi-dies at \$26 billion. The Community says Boeing and other American manufacturers have received some \$33 billion to \$41 billion in indirect

bus consortium. Airbus Industrie

the Pentagon just since 1976 - and more during the early post-World War II years.
Such subsidies are difficult to score with precision. For example, what is the implicit subsidy attributable to a Boeing engineer trained thanks to a NASA contract? But Europe and the United States are roughly equal sinners against free aircraft markets. Ironically, less than a week after his Seattle speech President Clinton was proposing to shift billions in Penta-

subsidies mainly from NASA and

gon industrial aid into commercial technology aid - more subsidy! The issue is not whether to ban subsidies that most governments view as development aids, but how to define rough equity. In fact, last March the United States and Europe concluded a pact that attempts just that in aircraft, allowing some direct and indirect state aid but placing ceilings

on both. This approach makes sense. In my books and articles, I have advocated both industrial policies and a measure of managed trade views that are often mistakenly termed "protectionist." Perplexed Trade Conflict in High Technology

readers who think me protectionist of U.S. industry must find it odd that I defend Airbus. But this precisely illustrates the flaws in the usual concepts and labels. The Airbus-Boeing saga suggests several lessons, all consistent with the managed trade / in-dustrial policy view — and none nec-

essarily "protectionist": First, industrial policy and selective subsidy can be economically virtuous. As the aircraft saga reveals, both the U.S. indirect subsidy and the European direct subsidy helped create superior planes, which would have evolved far more slowly if companies had waited for private capital.

Second, once a nation is subsidiz-ing a strategic product, we are no longer in the world of free markets or laissez-faire trade. The alternative to allowing that nation to dominate markets is to tolerate other subsidies. but then to balance and restrain total subsidies lest a trade war break out This is a form of managed trade, but it is the only sane alternative.

Further, the label "protectionism" misses the point. As an American, I would like Boeing to thrive. As a human being. I would like the global economy to produce broadly rising living standards for everyone. To-ward this end, there is room for dynamic aircraft industries on both sides of the Atlantic, and elsewhere as well. So I am no protectionist, if that means impoist.

Rather, political economists like me advocate industrial policies and partially managed trade because these are the necessary ingredients of a mixed economy. And a mixed economy is a better route to sustainable economic growth than a laissez-faire one, in both Europe and America. Laura Tyson, President Clinton's chief economist, grasped this truth in her book "Who's Bashing Whom:

Industries." She and the president need to talk, lest he begin to sound like the crude protectionist that he is not. One must hope that the Seattle speech was political posturing, not incipient bad policy.

A final thought about the aircraft business and laissez-faire: The real killer of Boeing's sales is not Airbus but airline deregulation - another gift of free market ideology run riot. When airlines are oscillating wildly between selective price gouging and ruinous price cutting, they cannot afford to buy new planes. To help Seattle, President Clinton

need not bash Airbus. He should revive Boeing's best customers by re-regulating the airlines.

Washington Post Writers Group.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Care for Musicians

LONDON - The Duke of Fife presided at the 155th anniversary festival dinner of the Royal Society of Musicians last night [Feb. 25]. The society was instituted in 1738, for the maintenance of old and decayed musicians, and their widows and or-phans. Handel bequeathed £1,000 to its funds, and it was at its festivals that Liszt, in 1824, and Mendelssohn five years later, made their first ap-pearance in London. About £4,000 was distributed last year in monthly allowances to poor musicians, and grants were also made for the educa-

1918: Mystery of Mars

tion of their children.

NEW YORK - Is the much-discussed mystery of Mars and whether the famous Martian canals are the handiwork of human beings about to be solved at last? Mars will be in opposition on March 14; will reach its summer solstice on March 24, six

days after its nearest approach to the Earth, and will therefore be unusually well placed for observation. An effort will be made to settle the question of the shifting of the canals over the Martian surface.

1943: Pass Is Retaken WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN TUNISIA - [From our New York

edition: American troops occupied the Kasserine Pass this morning [Feb. 25] without firing a shot, moving in after a night-long artillery barrage.

The Americans now control all the mountain line to which they retired after losing Galsa, Sheitia and other towns on the plain to the south and east. The Germans withdrew from the pass during the night, leaving extensive mine fields to delay pursuit It is believed they also evacuated the town of Kasserine. They apparently have withdrawn their main forces to the area of Gafsa, fifty miles south, and have left a rear guard at Feriana, 20 miles southwest of Kasserine.

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Russian-American Relations Could Use a Bill & Boris Show

WASHINGTON — At a recent Moscow huncheon hosted by the Russian foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev, an octogenarian former summiteer summed up his host's political-diplomatic dilemma. "If you seem to walk in lockstep with America," said Richard Nixon, "you give a weapon to your political opponents to beat you over the

By creating connective tissue between the two peoples, Clinton would prepare the way to do business with whoever ultimately follows Yeltsin.

head. If you don't, the American opponents of aid to Russia will beat you over the head. That's why foreign ministers seldom get elected president."

Young Mr. Kozyrev has been in Switzerland meeting Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

We can hope for a "working summit" in Europe

before long between their bosses.

By William Safire

Russian people, is in the political-diplomatic bind described by Mr. Nixon. This is the Russian winter of discontent with its leader: He is damned at home for selling out to the West, and damned in the West for throwing reformers from his sled to appease apparatchik wolves.

Worse, rumors are flying that Mr. Yeltsin is off on one of his legendary two-week toots. Some say an occasional bout of drinking is his form of therapy; others say he was boozing gloomily until recently, and is now on vacation drying out; still others who have seen him recently insist that the rumors are lies, and that his "enormous recupera-

tive powers" are both physical and political.

He appears jumpy, less self-assured; mafias and marchers sap his popularity. He interrupted his vacation to meet with Ruslan Khasbulatov, speaker of the Russian Parliament, who has been trying to draw power away from the reformist president to the go-slow legislature, but who cannot gain the presi-dency himself because he is Chechen, not Russian.

President Yeltsin is listlessly defended by Alexander Rutskoi, his vice president, a military man who wants to replace him. A first test of Mr.

Yeltsin's comeback ability may be a referendum in April to see if Russians want a presidential or parliamentary system.

(Melor Sturna, my longtime Izvestia counterpart now teaching at the University of Minnesota, notes that this expression of democracy could be scuttled if Mr. Khasbulatov insists on tying it to a vote of confidence in the weakened Mr. Yeltsin.)

Although down, the Russian leader is far from out: he retains more clout than anyone. Americans know that the interests of freedom are best served by the success of the capitalist reformers whose champi on remains Boris Yeltsin. How can we help?

First, President Bill Clinton should meet with Mr. Yeltsin quickly in Europe. Russia is no mendicant; it has a bargaining chip in its influence with fellow Slavs in Belgrade. Mr. Yeltsin could improve the Vance-Owen proposal and station Russian troops alongside a new U.S. and NATO force in Macedonia, protecting the Kosovo Albanians and putting muscle into Bosnian war-ending.

At the same time, restructure the debt owed to the United States by Russia in grain-credit debt - it is in default by \$360 million already, with more to come — quietly tied to internal reforms and restraint on arms sales. Make a big public deal out of U.S. humanitarian aid as well as

encouraging oil and gas joint ventures. The sum-mit success would provide a boost for Mr. Yeltsin

as a partner, not a puppet, of the United States. Next, take the Clinton campaign to Russia. Set up a weeklong state visit in late summer, starting in Moscow but bernstorming through the Urals to Siberia. Flatter the Russian people with ringing rhetoric about two great nations in the process of change. Press the flesh; go on television talk shows with Russian kids; answer questions at a town meeting in Novosibirsk. Who is better at this than Bill Clinton? Although he is still inexperienced in global affairs, nobody is more adept at using mass

media for the aggressive assertion of humility. The serious purposes of Mr. Chinton's Russian road show would be to bolster the reformers; to preach protection of minority rights; to show an understanding of the sacrifices required by political change. (Russian change is in the right direction, toward free markets.)

Such a one-two punch — summit followed by tate visit — would help ensure America's own planned defense budget cuts. By creating connective tissue between peoples, Mr. Clinton would prepare the way to do business with whoever ultimately follows Mr. Yeltsin.

The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cheap Labor, Cheap Fruit: But Is That a Free Market?

Regarding the report "Germany Leads Attack on EC Banana Rules" (Feb. 16) by Brandon Mitchener:

Most banana producers in Latin America are not "farmers who would switch to planting coca" but large landowners and corporation-sized business es. Latin American bananas can be cheap, in part, because of the economies of scale achieved on huge estates. Workers on many of these estates are exploited, often permanently indebted to the proprietors. In Latin America, history has put most of the land into the hands of a small number of families, creating large numbers of destitute, landless people who have to work on the estates to

stay "alive," or emigrate to urban slums. Part of the reason African bananas are more expensive is that working conditions in African producer countries are better, workers tend to be treated more like people, and in most African countries, the land belongs to the ordinary farmer. There are therefore fewer landless people to be exploited as a cheap labor, and farmers probably don't intend to give up enough land to permit estates of the size that exist in Latin

If the plight of the Latin American

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farm laborer enables Europeans to buy bananas dirt cheap, then Europeans are using the denial of Latin American laborers' basic rights to subsidize their consumption. And subsidies are definitely not what the free market is about.

K. DIXON-FYLE.

Rush to Self-Immolation

The specter of America self-immolating over the issue of whether employ-ment of aliens disqualifies one from holding public office again raises the question of what kinds of past indiscretions are a bar to public service. I had hoped that the presence of an admitted, albeit qualifiedly, marijuana smoker in the White House had somehow proved that Americans can tolerate a youthful mistake in judgment, or perhaps even minor criminal conduct, in the background of a public servant.

Sadly, instead of stimulating a national debate about real problems or crystal-lizing standards of conduct for public office seekers, this incident will only provide yet another reason for many Americans to eschew public service.

MARK A. SUMMERS.

To Economic Ruin

Regarding "Clinton Gives America The Bad News on Tax: Increases Will Hit All Over \$30,000" (Page One Report, Feb. 17) by Ann Devroy:

Senator Robert Dole says, "That's the kind of 'sacrifice' that will break the back of middle-class America and lead us right into economic rain."

A strange remark from a person very closely associated with 12 years of Re-

leading the United States "right into economic ruin," and have left President Clinton with little room to maneuver.

I think Senator Dole and all "typical"

Republicans will be very surprised by the route President Canton will take. He is not your typical "tax and spend Democrat." But then, I guess Senator Dole and the Republicans have only the usual political slogans left. They had 12 years

BAHRAJ JASHANMAL.

Meet John Doe

What is striking about the reaction to the Clinton program is the conscious understanding, good sense and pragmatism of the American citizen compared to the politician's selfish and shortsighted behavior and the media's negative, dim and pedantic attitude.

GEORGES BROU. St. Orse, France.

Murder, Not Vandalism

Regarding "Vandals and Nazis" (Letters, Feb. 5) by Konrad Thiesmann: Young vandals in Sweden cannot be compared with neo-Nazis in Germany whose age, by the way, goes far beyond 13-16 years. Perhaps in Sweden one might think of young miscreants shout-ing Heil Hitler as children seeking atten-

But when packs of such attentionseekers have beaten, trampled and burned to death 17 persons and severely injured a great number more (the latest distraction being attacks on the disabled) then this is not juvenile provocation. It is murder plain and simple, and it comes with such rancously proclaimed Nazi programs as the killing of foreigners and Jews to create an "Aryan" race. Any excuses made for these hoodhims are an insult to the victims and their

By the way, many a 13-year-old in Hitler's youth movement grew into a fiercely convinced, adult Nazi. LEONORE SUHL

Portimao. Portugal.

U.S., Korea and Vietnam

Regarding "War Goals Revisited" (Letters, Feb. 4):

John R. Davis repeats the discredited old cliches about the Korean and Vict-nam Wars. When the U.S. entered the Korean war in June 1950, a guerrilla war of incursions by both sides had been going on for more than a year. In "Ko-rea, the Unknown War," Jon Halliday and Bruce Cummings quote an Ameri-can general as saying, "The South start-ed more battles than did the North."

To state that "in Vietnam we tried to save the people of the South from Northern aggressors" is to show a total misunderstanding of the Vietnam war. According to the Geneva accords of 1954. Vietnam was temporarily divided and an election was to decide whether a French-backed government in the South or Ho Chi Minh's government in the North would rule the country, Such an election was never held. Instead the CIA brought Ngo Dinh Diem to power in a rigged plebiscite in October 1955. Up to four million people were killed

in Korea, and up to two million in Vietnam. In both cases, most of the dead were civilians, and in both cases, the United States was responsible for most of the killing. In both, the United States was seeking to "hold back communism"

in countries that were in the midst of

As with revolutions in which the Unit-ed States intervened in Central America, the United States may have had "war goals," but they were based on the flim-siest of excuses to interfere in other people's affairs.

LILLIAN WRIGHT. Santa Enlalia del Rio.

Remembering Arthur Ashe

Regarding "On the Many Courts, and Off, Arthur Ashe Brought Dignity" (Page One, Feb. 8) by Michael Wilbon:

My wife and I had the privilege of watching Arthur Ashe beat Jimmy Con-nors to become the Wimbledon champion in 1975. However, we will always remember Arthur Ashe, not as a black man or a champion tennis player, but as the very finest example of a decent hu-

With many thanks to Michael Wilbon for capturing, in his article, our deep feelings of respect for this kind and brave man.

BRIAN CASTLE

Arthur Ashe was a major hero to many of us growing up in Richmond, Virginia (his birthplace) during the 1960s and 1970s.

He showed us how to force change through determination, skill and a solernn commitment to the universal rights

We should be grateful for his exam-

ANN C. SOUDER. London

A Risk: High-Tech Elites Ruling a Jobless Nation

By Jeremy Rifkin

campaign attacking the trickle-down economic policies of the Reagan-Bush years. Sad to say, he seems to be subscribing to an equally damaging eco-nomic myth: trickle-down technology.

On Monday, the president offered a a 36-page plan to rejuvenate the economy through technology. It calls for a partnership between the government and corporate America to spur hightech industries.

This technology renaissance would be fueled primarily by transferring billions of research and development

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funds from the Pentagon to civilian commercial uses.

Commercial uses.

Biotechnology, robotics, artificial intelligence, digital imaging and data storage are areas all high on the list.

But instead of reviving the economy, the president's high-tech vision could lead to further unemployment. an erosion of the fortunes of the middle class and even greater disparity in

moome between the rich and poor. The last century has seen unparal-leled technological innovation. New technologies have increased productivity, quickened growth and provided jobs. Even when technologies replaced human labor, new fields opened up to absorb the displaced work force. When the mechanization of agriculture forced millions of workers off farms in the late 19th century,

urban manufacturing industries were waiting to absorb them.

And when automation of the factories forced a second mass dislocation of blue-collar workers in the 1950s, service and white-collar industries were able to take in much of the

surplus labor. Today, new technologies are beginng to force a similar dislocation. The problem is, no new jobs are waiting. One doesn't need to look far to get a glimpse of things to come. The Postal Service plans to cut 47,000 workers by 1995, predicting that computers will be able to read letters and

sort mail better than humans. Similarly, AT&T intends to replace up to 6,000 operators with robotic operators that can distinguish key words of speech. Postal service and

automated machinery and robots.

The Clinton administration hopes to speed up these advances. It wants

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton way — that promises to do for com-spent much of the presidential munications what the interstate highmunications what the interstate highways did for the flow of goods.

"Virtual" communities will increasingly replace "traditional" communities as millions of people carry on the business of daily life — from shopping to banking — over the computer, transom, bypassing face-to-face ex-changes in the marketplace.

If the Clinton vision succeeds, millions of U.S. workers will be replaced. with little or no prospect of further,

employment.
A 1986 study by Wassily Leontief, a'
Nobel laureate, and economists at the Institute for Economic Analysis concluded that the demand for clerical and service workers as well as for semiskilled and unskilled workers will fall-

with technological innovations.

The role of humans as the most important factor of production isbound to diminish in the same way, that the role of horses in agricultural production was first diminished then eliminated by the introduction of tractors," Mr. Leontief wrote.

Employment opportunities are likely to increase only among profession-als, particularly scientists, engineers, computer specialists, managers and teachers. And their numbers will be small compared with the pool of mil-

lions of white- and blue-collar workers who will be permanently displaced. Worse, even if there were jobs; there's another flaw in the administration's strategy. Though Mr. Clinton and Labor Secretary Robert Reicht talk enthusiastically about retraining programs, can we really expect the

government to teach an aging popula-tion of unemployed white-collar and service employees to compete in the high-tech job market? None of this is to argue that high. technology is without any merit. Wewould benefit from new pollution

control technologies, electric cars and, high-speed trains. Yet, the administration proposal for upgrading the economy relies far too heavily on. high-technology investment. Mr. Clinton would do well to concentrate less on the technological in-

frastructure and more on the human infrastructure. Millions of low-tech; jobs could be produced in health care. housing and energy conservation.

If the president doesn't change his

emphasis, he runs the risk of creating. AT&T workers are not alone. Most a new and dangerous America - one American workers are employed in in which a small high-tech elite of tasks that can be done by computers, corporate professionals exists in a nation of the permanently unemployed.

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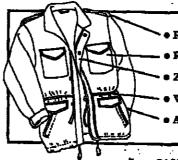
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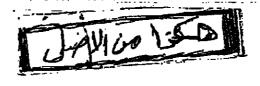
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Loving a Place to Death: Tourist, Please Tread Lightly

Ecotourism' Is More Than Trendy Term

By Timothy Egan
New York Times Service

VERY year, thousands of people pay up to \$5,000 a week for the right to snap pictures of Kodiak. brown bears on their home turi, the avagely beautiful Kodiak Island in the Gulf of Alaska. The problem, from the bears' point of view, is that there are not a lot of places left in the world where they can gulp huge quantities of king salmon without human interference. If too many spectators line the swollen rivers of the island, the bears will start to change their behavior, maybe even flirecting their appetite toward tourists.

That is the commdrum facing modern tour-ism in distant and unscarred lands. More and more, people who travel are clamoring for places where the culture is untouched by MTV, and the land is yet to be burdened with warehouse shopping centers. But visitors can change the character of a place.

To cope with what many see as a major threat to the future of tourism - the loving-aplace-to-death syndrome — the industry has begun to form some guiding principles for the broad area of travel known as ecotourism. While the term may smack of trendy environmental correctness, it has found its way into the mainstream. The World Wildlife Fund tlefines ecotourism as "any kind of tourism that involves nature." The travel industry has used the term to encompass everything from truise ships in the Caribbean to East African photography expeditions.

At the same time, there is an emerging consensus that the travel trade should practice "sustainable tourism" — basically, that visits to a given area should be limited to a number of people that will not have a detrimental effect on it. The idea is that a tropical island beach hike, or a visit to a Mayan temple in Mexico, should be around for future generations in much the same form as it is today. Like other types of conservation, this model draws a line at growth, a painful thought to many operators in an expanding business. Yet to do nothing but allow more feet to stomp over the thinning dust of the world's unique places is to invite economic and envi-

ronmental trouble, tourism experts say. "We know we can't sell a place if it doesn't look good," said Shawn Flaherty, a spokeswoman for the Travel Industry Association of America, the United States' largest tourism trade group.

TTH the growth of air travel, the world became smaller, virtually overnight. The National Geographic would no sooner discover a "lost tribe" in some remote corner of the globe than enterprising travel compa-nies would begin offering package tours to



U. S. Indian reservations agonize over whether to limit tourists or play up native rituals and dances to try to alleviate their poverty.

isit the unspoiled inhabitants. And when indigenous people change their economy from, say, fishing to selling trinkets, both sides may be worse off, ecotourism proponents say.

But no amount of handwringing about un-caring crowds and foothills of litter has lessened the urge of people to travel, and especially to untrammeled places. Many economists believe that tourism will be the No. I industry, worldwide, by the year 2000.

Given the seeming inevitability of growth, what some people in the industry are trying to do is change the way tourists venture out. To a considerable degree, that has already happened with the astonishing growth of what is known as adventure travel.

In general, the major tourism interests have shied away from such measures as restrictions on visitors or placing vulnerable areas off-limits. They call on tour groups to educate clients about abuse of the land and culture they visit, to promote environmental awareness and to contribute financially to causes that will keep the scenery intact. But there seems to be a general awareness in the

mdustry that if the travel industry does not take steps to curb its potential for abuse, outsiders in government or elsewhere will do

To cope with waves of visitors, the government of Ecuador imposed a limit of 10,000 visitors a year to the Galapagos Islands. But enforcement of the crowd limit has been weak, and more than 45,000 visitors a year have been allowed on the island, according to some Ecuadorean estimates.

To many environmentalists, the steps the industry has considered taking are timid. "I don't think the mainstream travel industry people understand it yet," said Jerry Mallett, president of the Adventure Travel Society, which represents nature-based tour-ism operators. "Things may have to be regu-

lated, worldwide, or we face a crisis." Mallet said the market for travel based on natural or cultural resources has increased dramatically in the last 10 years. There are nearly 9,000 adventure-travel outfitters in the United States, according to the society. specializing in everything from wilderness

horseback trips to bunger-jumping from dramatic cliffs. Whale-watching, swimming with dolphins, catch-and-release fishing, llama trekking, rain forest canoe trips - all these activities are showing up in brochures, along with such mainstays as beach and skiing vacations.

One of the biggest growth areas - and a major challenge to operators who want to steer clear of cultural interference — is travel to visit aboriginal people, said Mallett. "If you can go to these places with a local guide, a storyteller, somebody who crosses the two worlds, you can avoid a lot of the problems,"

N the United States, many Indian reservations have long agonized over how much they should play up native rituals and dances for tourists. In parts of Montana and the Southwest, Indian powwows and craft festivals are major moneymakers during the summer season. The struggle, say native leaders, is to maintain authenticity and integrity in the face of de-

living in London.

Mario, Maria, e Mario

Mario and Maria met at an Ital-

ian Communist Party meeting

in July of 1976, the year when

the PCI peaked at 36 percent of

the vote. It was a time when

every action had a political sig-

nificance, even sex and mar-

riage. Now, 15 years later, the

party is in decline and is voting

to change its name to the Dem-

ocratic Party of the Left. And Mario and Maria find them-

selves, for the first time in their

lives, on different sides, with

Mario embracing the new

course and party name, and

Maria stubbornly clinging to

the old. Inevitably, the Commi-

nist Party crisis spills over to

contaminate Mario and Maria's

marriage. Resenting her hus-

band for embracing change,

Maria plummets into a pro-

found personal crisis when she

suddenly discovers herself to be

a thirtysomething housewife with two small children. Anoth-

er confused section member,

also named Mario, begins to

court her. None of the three are

happy or at peace. It is difficult

-and deliberately so - to dis-

tinguish between the political and the personal in Ettore Sco-

la's newest film. "Mario, Maria,

Directed by Ettore Scola

mand for what tourists want. It may look crass to some purists, but the alternative is poverty, the Indians argue.

A cursory tour of some of the world's more fragile places shows that the tensions brought on by travel have become a primary concern around the globe.

In Costa Rica, as in Ecuador, naturebased travel is the fast-growing segment of the tourism industry. The small Central American nation has an excellent national park system, and has won high marks for how it manages its rain forests. But it may be reaching its tourism saturation point, according to some operators — the nation of 3 million people had 500,000 visitors last year. Officials in Costa Rica are taking steps to limit visits to some rain forest reserves.

In essence, preservation for tomorrow is what drives most of the discussion about a kinder and gentler tourism. What the disciples of ecotourism hope to do is build on the more altruistic attitudes of travelers, arguing that it is in the best interest of the soon-to-be dominant global industry to tread lightly.

In Shadow Of Hong Kong, A Bird Haven

By Barbara Basler New York Times Service

ONG KONG - The Mai Po Marshes Nature Reserve is a small, remarkable stretch of wetland on the border between Hong Kong and China, where tens of thousands of migratory birds stop to roost each winter and spring. Birds have been coming to Mai Po for centuries, and they continue to come in growing numbers, even though now its mangrove trees, marshes and quiet ponds are within an

hour of the skyscrapers of Hong Kong.
During the peak migratory seasons in winter and spring, 50,000 birds flock to Mai Po's 740 acres. "On a good day you can spot from 80 to 100 different species of birds, some of them quite rare," said Simba S. Y. Chan, a naturalist with the Worldwide Fund for Nature, which manages the reserve.

A Hong Kong visitor can take a subway, commuter train and taxi and in less than an hour, be standing on the ancient marshes, binoculars trained on an aristocratic imperial eagle or a rare Saunders' gull.

The cocoon-shaped 740-acre (300-hectare) reserve is nestled along the shore of Deep Bay, at the mouth of the Pearl River estuary. Deep Bay is actually very shallow, and at low tide it recedes to expose a wide expanse of mud flats. Along its shore, there are stands of mangrove forests, and marshes lined with shrimp and fish ponds dug out years ago by peasant farmers—habitats that attract a variety of land birds, water birds

Lew Young, a Hong Kong native who is the World Wide Fund for Nature naturalist managing the reserve, said that during the spring migration, Mai Po is believed to have one of the greatest concentrations of shorebirds in the world. Their numbers include such rare species as the Asiatic dowitcher, Nordmann's greenshank and the spoonbill sandpiper. The shorebirds flock to the reserve in April and the first week of May, roosting for a week or more on the way back to their breeding grounds in northern China, Mongolia and Siberia.

N winter, Young said, the migrants are predominately water birds - ducks, herons, egrets — and their numbers include the rare Dalmatian pelican and the even rarer black-faced spoonbill; there are only 300 of these birds in the world.

"Mai Po is on a major flyway — a kind of bird highway — that runs from Australia to Siberia, and in the spring and winter, when migratory birds on that route stop to rest and feed here, you can see an amazingly wide variety of birds," said Richard Lewthwaite, a Hong Kong language professor and bird watcher, His five-year-old Kingfisher Tours company specializes in arranging bird-watching trips to Mai Po for overseas visi-

The reserve's hostel is reserved months in o most ding *a* own hotel arrangements in Hong Kong and commute to Mai Po.

While it is the bird-watcher who plans a trip to Hong Kong to spend time at Mai Po, any traveler passing through the colony could make a one-day visit to the marshes. Although access during the week is difficult — visitors need a government permit to enter the reserve — the Worldwide Fund for Nature offers three-hour guided tours of Mai Po on Saturday and Sunday, at a cost of \$5 a

■ We all know museums aren't really museums anymore, they're shops where you can buy knick(nacks and jewelry and prints and notepaper with excellent pedigree. Soon you'll be able to buy all sorts of products drawn from Vatican Library extraorde conversity on the street of the Library artworks currently on show at the Library of Congress in Washington. "The Vatican Collection: Treasures of the Vatican Library," a press release tells us, will include jewelry, of course, plus china and tableware, books, videos and all the usual stuff you didn't even know you needed. Papal rings, anyone?

English Poetry, for Hackers

By Susan Keselenko Coll

AMBRIDGE, England — Back in the dark ages of academics, locating an obscure piece of Middle English poetry might have meant countless hours in a dank library basement. Now, a computer data base containing almost the entire published body of English goetry may end the era of riffling through dog-cared books in search of that alliterative mance — the one that was on the tip of your fongue but you couldn't quite remember.

Luddites need not yet begin mourning the fine of the hardbound book — the data thase's £23,500 (\$34,000) price should quell ars that it will render the printed works of Elizabeth Barrett Browning as obsolete as the warping record. Besides, the four-disk CD-ROM data base compiled by the British publisher Chadwyck-Healey is not yet com-plete; the first disk of the series was launched in January, and the entire package will be complete by mid-1994.

Inspired as he surveyed the British Library neading room in 1990, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey was struck with the idea of computerizing English poetry from the year 600 to the beginning of this century. "I literally was looking at the shelves," he says, when the thought occurred: "Why stop at first-line indexes?" (The standard means of esearching poetry is through such indexes.)

After sinking £20,000 into research, the

company determined that the project would be costly but feasible, and an editorial board consisting of six academics set to work se-lecting editions and acquiring rare texts, us-ing The New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature as the primary reference tool. Meanwhile, a team of about a dozen researchers began preparing the texts for typists; some of the books were in such fragile condition that they could not even be

The data base will contain the works of 1,350 poets, and although it will be relatively comprehensive, the publishers acknowledge there will be some inevitable inadequacies. To avoid copyright problems, for example, the data base will extend only to poets active

before the early part of this century.

Serious academics, as well as those merely curious about the number of occurrences of the word "sheep" in the annals of English poetry, will like the user-friendliness of the program. The first disk contains the work of almost 200 poets, with nearly three times that many references to the wooly animal. Users can call up the works of a particular poet, or simply search by key words and phrases. Just

about any detail relating to the poem, from its place of publication to the poet's date of birth, can be keyed in to aid the search.

Answers to otherwise time-consuming stions are instantaneous. How many times does Tennyson employ the word "lake" in his complete body of work? (21). How many poems among the 17,000 on the first disk use the word "sex" (130).

A Chadwyck-Healey sales manager describes sales so far as "low volume but high value" and points out that although the price sounds daunting, subscribers are actually getting a bargain, as each volume of poetry on the disk costs about £5.

So far, Cambridge University, the University of Virginia and Harvard are among the institutions that have subscribed, and Duke University complemented the acquisition of its 4,000,001 volume of poetry with the purchase of the data base as well. Several libraries in England, as well as the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris and the public library in

Sydney have also taken the plunge.

Karlin, an expert in 19th-century poetry, believes that the ultimate effect of the data base will be to democratize the study of poetry. "Scholars tend to concentrate on a few famous names," he explains. "The data base allows a more comprehensive idea of what Victorian poetry is."



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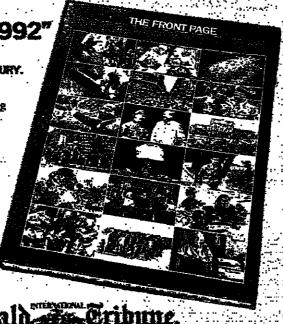
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still heartfelt European reality. The protagonists lives, emotions and most of all their faith are inextricably wound around their political convictions. And when these convictions are abruptly shaken, their personal bearings are severed as well. (Ken Shulman, IHT)

Groundhog Day Directed by Harold Ramis.

The most homble thing about life is not knowing what's going to happen next. Or at least that's what we have thought up till

performance by Murray, makes this the best American comedy since "Tootsie." The movie is like some insane mongrel commingling of "It's a Wonderful Life," "The Twilight Zone" and Luis Buñnel's "The Exterminating Angel." With another star, the movie's message might have been insufferably icky. But Mur-

now. But "Groundhog Day," the

brilliantly imaginative, wildly funny new comedy starring Bill

Murray, demonstrates that there

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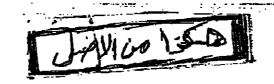
Bill Murray and friend in "Groundhog Day."

ray's double-jointed ironic dishonest optimism. If this caterpillar becomes a butterfly, it's a butterfly with a lot of worm left in him. (Hal Hinson, WP)

La Petite Apocalypse Directed by Costa-Gavras.

France-Italy-Poland. Poor Stan (Jiri Menzel), a Polish refugee writer his every move is a fumble. He lives in a maid's room above the elegant Parisian apartment belonging to Barbara, his ex-wife (Anna Romantowska) and Henri, her new husband (Pierre Arditi). One night, trying to replace a light-bulb. Stan has an accident that wins him the admiration of the couple and their friend Jacques (André Dussollier). Far from the political thrillers that have been his trademark, Costa-Gavras has made a comedy, loosely inspired by Tadeusz Konwicki's novel. It's one of those wry Slavic fa-bles, a satiric bubble; blown up to the new Euroscale norms, it's sheer lead. The actors grapple with yarns of theatrical text: Dussollier and Arditi work out like exhausted veterans, and one can't help feeling that Czech di-rector Jiri Menzel, who plays Stan, would have been better be-

(Joan Dupont, IHT)



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Musée des Beaux-Arts (tel: 37.36.41.39). To March 1: "L'Oeuvre Grave de Goya." More than 200 engravings by Goya, including tour series: Caprices, Tauromachie, Disparates and Desastres.

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Clockwise: Photograph by Frederic Brenner at the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, Israel; a detail from Félix Valotton's painting at the Musée d'Orsay, Paris; two busts from the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, and a painting by Rodchenko in Nantes.

AUSTRALIA

Powerhouse Museum (tel: 21'.01.11). To April 18: "Chihuly in Australia: Fantasy in Glass." More than 20 glass sculptures by the Anerican-born artist. The piaces are characterized by their distinctively large size, rich colors and coral-like terms.

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Aore than 100 silkscreen prints, saintings and Pop Art sculptures by he American artist.

Musées Royaux d'Art et de d'His-toire (tel: 733.4647). To April 30: "Splendeurs des Sassandes." Gâd-ed silver, textiles, weapons, mosaics and frescoes from the 2d to 7th cen-

turies in Persia

BRITAIN Cambridge The Fitzwilliam Museum (tel: 332.900.) To May 2: "The Great War: Britain's Efforts and Ideals." Lithographs commissioned and issued by the Ministry of Information in 1918 by C. W. R Nevinson, Eric Kennington and Muirhead Bone.

British Museum (tel: 323.85.25). To May 31: "Howard Carter: Before Tutankhamun." A retrospective of the archaeologist's discoveries in Egypt, including diaries, excavation photographs, tunerary treasures and antiquities.

CANADA

Montreal Musée des Beaux-Arts (tel: 285.1600). To March 28: "Grand Siecle." More than 130 paintings by 17th-century French artists, with works by Le Nain, Poussin, Latour, Le Sueur and La Hyre. JAPAN

Art Gallery of Ontario (tel: 977.04.14). To June 20: "Roman Vishniac." Vishniac's photographs document the imperiled existence of the Jewish communities in Lublin, Krakow and Warsaw in the 1930s.

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More than 160 16th-century drawings, including works by Vouet, Lebrun, Poussin and Puget.

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To May 23: "1893: L'Europe des peintres." About 100 paintings which were archibited one century and by were exhibited one century ago by artists from all over. Includes works

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Beth Hatefutsoth, Museum of the Jewish Diaspora (tel: 646.20.20). To April 30: Brenner's nine-month journey from the Balkans to the New World, via Europe and Africa, retrace the steps of the Sephardim in exile. To May 4: "In the Footsteos of Morrano Fam liles." Commemorates the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1942. The migration of three families are traced through videos, film strips, music and

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Turin Cestello di Rivoli (tel: 958.7256). To April 25: "Torino e l'Arte." A study of Turin's role on contemporary cul-ture and art between 1950 and 1970.

Takashimaya Grand Hall (tel: 221.8811). To March 2: "Munakata Shiko Exhibition." More than 150 woodblock prints, paintings and paintings on screens celebrate the

90th anniverary of the artist's birth. National Museum of Modern Art (tel: 3214.2561). To March 28: "Fauvism and Modern Japanese Painting." Features 200 oil paintings, with Duty, Kandinsky and Matisse, among others.

Sezon Museum of Art (tel: 5992.0155). To March 28: "Laby-ninith: A New Generation in Japanese Architecture." Seven Japanese art-ists display their contemporary designs through photographs, draw-ings and maquettes.

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Rio's New Club Scene: Male Stripper Shows

By James Brooke New York Times Service

IO DE JANEIRO - Strategically parked across the street from the Meridien Copacabana hotel, the Scotch Bar flashes its red lights nightly, beckoning tourists to come on over.

On a recent evening, American rap music pounded, imported whisky flowed, strobe lights bounced off mirrors and red vinyl upholstery, and fevered hands reached out to dancers peeling down to their black net underwear.

"Mais, mais," chorused the crowd, asking for more, more. Tatiana, 21, a computer-systems analyst from Rio, jumped out of her chair and embraced a dancer, running her fingers through his chest hair.

Rio, a city long synonymous with sensuality, is embracing a new fad: male strip shows for women. No longer a novelty for foreigners, the shows attract almost entire-

ly Brazilian crowds. In just a few months, about 10 nightclubs in the affluent beach zone have inaugurated clubes para mulheres, or women's clubs, closed to men. Other male strip shows, which opened several years ago for

a gay clientele, now also attract women.
The nation's best-watched soap opera, "De Corpo e Alma" (Of Body and Soul), has raised its ratings by adopting a male strip-show subplot. And magazines have taken photo essays on the craze into living rooms nationwide.

As with many fashions in Brazil, the women's clubs have arrived there from the Northern Hemisphere after a lag of several years. Rio's sudden proliferation of women's clubs is explained partly by changing economics and partly by changing sex roles.

Long Brazil's premiere tourist destination, this city of curving beaches and forestclad mountains has seen international tourist arrivals plummet by half in the last four years, largely because of street crime.
"Tourism has fallen a lot," said Dirlene

Mello de Oliveira, who owns the Scotch Bar with her husband, Jonacy. "We don't depend on the women's club, but it's a way of filling the tables during slow hours."

Fueling the spread of the women's clubs is a new sexual assertiveness among women in a Latin society. "All the girls back home have been talking about it," said Carla, 18, a Brazilian tourist, who like many of the women did not want to give her full name. An aunt determinedly pulled her by the elbow to the door at the end of the show. "It was fun, but we'll never get this back' home." Carla continued.

Tatiana, slightly more composed after her amorous assault on the dancer, said: "Men have had all the rights before. Now we can have fun."

Endorsing an old refrain that no sinexists south of the Equator, a recent survey of 601 Rio residents found that 85 percent of male respondents and 89 percent of female respondents tolerated the new women's clubs. The survey was conducted. by the Globo news organization, which owns a newspaper and the network that runs the soap opera.

Male respondents, perhaps projecting their own sexual views on the phenomenon, speculated that women attended the clubs to satisfy their "sexual fantasies and sexual freedom." But only half as many women - 20 percent - cited these reasons. Instead, 60 percent of women surveyed said that women attended out of curiosity. Only 40 percent of men cited

In an upstairs locker room, nine dancers limbered up their muscles, rubbed oil on their bodies and discussed the audience that awaited them below. "I have gotten scratched," said Alexandre Hakan, a model who also strips. "The women always try to rip off my underwear."

RAZILIAN women usually go to the bar in groups in early evening. "They drink a lot, get wild and then go home for dinner." said Adriano Lobato, an Argentine who cho-reographs the Scotch Bar show. The show portrays a series of erotic fantasies involving models dressed as Roman centurions, Spanish gypsies, New York leather bikers, army troopers, beach boys and a Greek god-type who plays with a bunch of grapes.

Other shows further down Avenida Atlàntica along Copacabana beach feature sailors, pirates, cowboys, a James Dean look-alike, and a dashing fellow who bills himself as "The Thief of Hearts."

"Men come here late at night looking for a date, for sex," Lobato said of the Scotch Bar, which features male stripping Thursday and Friday nights, before switching back to its more traditional role after 10:30 P. M. "The women come here to laugh, to crack jokes, to shout. It's kind of a liberation."

"The women dance to meet men and tomake money," added Lobato, who has been a denizen of Rio's night life for 35 years. "The men dance out of pure vanity."

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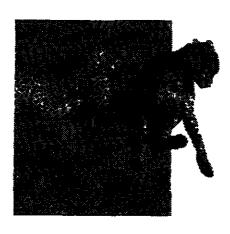
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Thousands Seized in New Delhi Protest

By Molly Moore and John Ward Anderson

Washington Post Service NEW DELHI - Riot police arrested thousands of Hindu demonstrators and unleashed tear gas and rubber bullets on anti-government protesters Thursday in one of the toughest security crackdowns imposed on this city in recent years.

Police virtually shut down the capital, blocking roads leading into the city and turning sports stadiums into giant holding compounds for thousands of arrested protesters. They ringed major government

an effort to stop a massive rally by Hindu extremists calling for new elections to replace the current gov-

Several thousand demonstrators managed to elude the police and paramilitary blockades, however. and gathered at rallying points throughout the city, where police lobbed tear gas cannisters, fired rubber bullets and water cannons and charged protesters with long bamboo sticks.

The massive show of force —

buildings with razor-wire fences in and paramilitary officers in the city — was ordered as result of religious tensions that have led to 2,000 deaths and threatened India's current administration in the two and a half months since Hindu fanatics destroyed a historic Muslim mosque in the northern Indian

town of Ayodbya. Thursday's planned rally by the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party. whose supporters led the December attack on the mosque, had been banned by the government. The police arrested senior BJP leaders as they attempted to rally followers with an estimated 75,000 police in defiance of the ban.

> their leaders had been arrested. By midday, with two sports stadiums and the Delhi central jail filled beyond capacity with protesters and Hindu party sympathizers. the police stopped arresting demonstrators, according to S.N. Shrivastay, commander of the police forces assigned to control a West Delhi party stronghold, where an estimated 7,000 people streamed into the streets and alleyways.

dent of the Hindu party, was hospi-

talized after being knocked to the

ground by a police water cannon

while leading about 300 marchers

from the Parliment building. Lal

Krishan Advani, BJP leader in Par-

liament, was arrested as he clam-

bered onto the hood of a car to

The demonstrations that cluded

the police crackdown were largely

peaceful, with only scattered inju-

ries despite the liberal use of tear

gas and bamboo canes by police.

Hundreds of protesters voluntarily

piled into police buses, asking to be arrested when they learned that

address a chanting crowd.

Many New Delhi streets, which on most business days are bumperto-humber with cars, motorcycles and cow carts, were deserted. Many schools and shops were closed for the day, while residents concerned about possible outbursts of violence stayed indoors. Most schools were closed because the police commandeered more than 650 school buses to transport arrested

throughout the central area of the city, stopping and searching cars meet and requiring motorists, pedestri-ans and cyclists to show identifica-July. tion cards.

The situation at police checkpoints was so chaotic that 18 members of Parliament - none of them members of the Hindu party -were detained for five hours by the police. The lawmakers were trying to return to the Parliament building after breakfast with the president at his residence.

Party leaders and supporters accused the government police forces of harassing suspected sympathizers, pulling people off trains and buses, ransacking their homes and searching them in the streets.

B.B. Sharma, a party activist, said he had not been able to sleep at his home for five days because policemen have come every night to

"Why? I am a BJP worker, that's why," he said. "Do you think I live in a democratic country?"



HEADING TOWARD RETIREMENT? — President Fidel Castro, at a news conference in Santiago, Cuba, on Thursday, said that he hoped "it will not be necessary" for him to be president by 1998. He was speaking after the country's first popular elections for parliament since the Communist revolution in 1959. The elections featured balloting in which no candidate faced an opponent.

JAPAN: After Cold War, Bonn's Renewed Interest in Asia Stirs Suspicion

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rotesters.

Kohl will urge Japan to step up aid
to Russia and to invite President Boris N. Yeltsin to the summit meeting of the Group of Seven inized nations in Tokyo in

> Mr. Kohl will argue that Germa-ny can no longer afford to foot such a large bill and that it is in Tokyo's interest to do more to promote stability and nuclear safety in a nation that is one of Japan's closest neigh-

Japan has heard similar appeals before, but it may tell the Germans that while it is they who attacked Russia, Japan was attacked by

In a meeting with Trade Minister "The case is completely reversed

in our relationship with Russia," Yoshiro Mori, Mr. Kohl will also Mr. Ito said. Yoshiro Mori, Mr. Kohl will also express concern over Bonn's \$9.57 Mr. Ito said.
Few think there will be any change in Tokyo's position that full-scale aid will be withheld until Moscow shows its intention to re-

turn the four islands north of Hokkaido that the Soviet Union seized at the end of World War II. In addition to adamant opposition by certain members of the governir Liberal Democratic Party, Tokyo's financial mandarins believe that the Russian economy is in such a mess that massive assistance would

be money wasted. As for Mr. Yeltsin, Tokyo is considered likely to invite the Russian leader to the summit meeting, although it has not yet made a formal

billion trade deficit with Tokyo in Japan to invest more in Eastern Germany. Japan's acquisition of state assets there has totaled less than that of other Asian nations such as South Korea, Taiwan and

The Japanese believe that excessive German consumption and a em Germany. lack of effort on the part of German businessmen explain the trade

"Before screaming about the Japanese trade surplus I should scream back: Do you speak my

Nor are Japanese companies in the midst of a recession about to acquire companies in Eastern Ger-1992 and call on Japan to open its many that would require major markets further. He also will urge commitments of cash to turn around.

"Restructuring isn't their game in a cultural environment that's not their own," said Baron Detrich von Stackelberg, chief representa-tive in Tokyo of Treuhandanstalt, the privatization agency for East-

The concrete result of the visit will be the announcement of a "wise men's group" of political, business and cultural leaders who will meet periodically to increase dialogue between Japan and Germany. They will hold their irst meeting in March in Berlin.

GERMANY: Feelings Toward Japan Mingle Mystery, Fear and Envy

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Far East, with emphasis on the " But the current slump in the German economy provides an urgent incentive to learn from Japan's past business success.

"The Japanese, in the past, have always mastered their crises better than the Germans," Mr. Meckel

Japanese companies, for example, lose little time in abandoning uncompetitive industries and closing unprofitable plants. By contrast, when AEG, an electrical engineering unit of Daimler-Benz, tried are still hanging on the laundry to get out of making typewriters,

> Much of the difference in the two ists are deeply envious of the specing to the Association of German commerce said.

pected in Asia, Japan's backyard. While Japan itself is in a slump, booming markets in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Rim, where German companies are poorly represented, will guarantee Japanese

By contrast, economies in Westem and Eastern Europe, which account for more than half of German trade, are going nowhere. Japan is also successfully challenging Germany in more traditional markets.

companies a strong cash flow.

Japan's share of foreign goods sold in the United States has risen to 16.6 percent over the last 10 years, while Germany's share has shrunk to 4.9 percent — even less than its 5.0 percent share in Asian markets. Japan's share of Asion

tacular economic growth to be expected in Asia, Japan's backyard.

Chambers of Commerce, whose Tokyo office Mr. Streib heads.

"Germany has gone down in the eyes of Japanese due to a lack of productivity and modern management and a lack of commitment to international markets outside of Europe," Mr. Streib said. "We're a bit like the older brother longer a real competitor in the im-

spreading beyond its traditional stronghold of automobiles and electronics to include banking and capital goods such as machine tools the result of costly corrections to and fine optical equipment, which manufacturing flaws that do not count among Germany's strongest occur on Japanese assembly lines business sectors. German exports in the first place. German compato Japan, in comparison, tend to be mes are now reacting by introduc-

Because of high overhead. Ge many can survive only with innov tive and high value-added proucts, said Theodor Schonebe economist at Deutsche Bank Re search. But unlike the Japanese, l said, "we Germans have not been gaining any market share in tech nologically innovative products."

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services for Headquarters premises/facilities. Supervise stock control, shipping, insurance coverage, catering, petly cash and

workshop, along with his father and brother. "But the politicians only pass resolutions and don't apthem. They are just pretending to do something.

still at the Seta house. The two plates of muffins are on the table. layered now in a coat of dust from the dislodged plaster. Somebody's slippers are next to the couch, covered in the same bluish dirt.

There is a pile of rubble under the new hole in the ceiling, and Wednesday, bright sunlight shone through it. Snow from the roof is melting and dripping onto the

Outside, her white undershirts

line. They are dry now. No one has the exit took more than a year and taken them down. Perhaps the real-cost 1 billion Deutsche marks. ity of her death hasn't sunk in, or perhaps no one wants to touch economic outlooks is determined

The Seta family lives less than a hundred yards from Sarajevo's Hadzijska mosque, which have been the target of the shell. Two other shells hit the mosque. Bombs landed near several other mosques at about the same time. The Serbs' point, in Ramadan, may have been to tell the Muslims their religion is not welcome in Bosnia.

Major Is Open to U.S. Ulster Fact-Finder Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON - Prime Minister John Major resisted pressure for U.S. intervention in Northern Ireland on Thursday but left open the possibility of a fact-finding mission proposed by President Bill

Mr. Maior said in a television In a statement issued by army strides toward resolving sectarian

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Geneva, Vienna, Helsinki and Rek-

Mr. Christopher minced no

words in emphasizing that the

United States intends to do all it

can to help shore up Mr. Yeltsin,

whose attempts to move Russia to

free-market economics and politi-

cal pluralism have come under in-

creasingly heavy fire from old-line

Communist conservatives and

many other Russians battered by

to underscore his strong support for the Yeltsin administration,"

Mr. Christopher said. "It is of ut-

most importance to the world that

the Yeltsin reforms succeed."

"President Clinton has sent me

inflation and financial upheaval.

He offered no opening for a special U.S. envoy but said fact-find- Mr. Major made clear that he said however, that much would deing missions "are of course always

Asked about U.S.-British rela-tions in general, he said that the support of members of his Conservative Party for President George Bush during the election "absolutedidn't sour the relationship at

The overwhelming internation- ation and less money to fund teral interests that we have are abso- rorism."

lutely the same," he said.

SUMMIT: Clinton-Yeltsin Meeting Is Set for April 4

skim the surface of the various is-

almost certainly will touch on such

eign debt and such regional matters

sues involving the two countries.

day of talks probably would not Lord Owen, for ending the strife permit Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin between Serbs, Muslims and

Nevertheless, the officials said, the United States planned to make in addition to U.S. aid, the meeting airdrops of humanitarian supplies

questions as ratification of the off in eastern Bosnia. U.S. officials START-2 treaty and other arms-said Mr. Kozyrev stopped short of

control issues, Russia's desire to saying that Russia would partici-

reschedule payment of its vast for- pate in such airdrops. But when he

as U.S.-Russian cooperation in Kozyrev replied:

We believe it goes in the posi-

On the latter issue, Mr. Kozyrev tive direction, and of course we called attention to a Russian For-

eign Ministry statement supporting we can deliver humanitarian assis-

the plan offered by the United Na- tance to people living in Bosnia, to

tions and European Community Muslims and other people."

to do more than get acquainted and Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

responding to political pressures,

What is actually needed in Northern Ireland, Mr. Major said, is more understanding of the peace process, "more support for the talks, more investment in job cre-

"The more people who know Speaking at a press conference about that, the closer we come to a

He spoke before Mr. Clinton's

the United States planned to make

to Muslims and other groups cut

asked his opinion of the idea, Mr.

octnent in Washington that

would not object if Mr. Clinton, pend on who led such a mission. Mr. Clinton proposed during his sent a fact-finding mission to election campaign sending a Northern Ireland. "peace envoy" to help mediate the

Northern Ireland conflict, in which more than 3,000 people have died since 1969. Britain rejected the "If the United States could in

some way make a constructive contribution to a settlement we would do that," Mr. Clinton said.

Mr. Major responded sharply to a question about letters from congressmen to Mr. Clinton urging him to put the Northern Ireland issue high on his agenda and pres-sure Britain over "human rights U.S. officials said that a single mediators. Cyrus R. Vance and abuses" by British troops.

Mr. Major said the real human rights abuse was placing "bombs in shopping malls." His government's priority was to restart all-party talks, now suspended, which had "made more progress than most people believed possible" last year.

Twelve Democratic senators sent a letter to Mr. Clinton urging him to raise the issue of "continuing human rights abuses of British se curity forces" with Mr. Major.

A senior official with Mr. Major said troops had been deployed in Northern Ireland to protect both Roman Catholics and Protestants and acted within the law. The official rejected accusations of human rights abuses.

(Reuters, AP) SCANDAL: Italy's Amato Survives a Vote, Corruption Inquiry Widens

(Continued from page 1) ticians who have financed their

party machines either by demanding bribes from business people in return for public works contracts or by accepting undeclared dona-

mentary ballot in Rome, Giorgio La Malfa, head of the small Republican Party, resigned after being formally notified that he was being

Lithuania Leader Sworn In The Associated Press

VILNIUS, Lithuania — Algirdas Brazauskas, the former Communist Party leader, was sworn in Thursday as Lithuania's first popularly elected president since regaining its independence in 1991.

investigated for suspected abuse of \$33,000 donation for the printing whose scale and style have shocked political parties.

Mr. La Malfa, 52, an economist, was the second party leader to quit counted for only about 5 percent of On Thursday before the parlia-

> he had long depicted himself as a bastion of rectitude. "I do not want to be part of this," he had declared in April 1991 when after many years as a junior coalition partner in successive govern-

> > the image, wealth and morality of

Party supporters said Mr. La Malfa had been accused of failing have been arrested and 500 placed to notify the authorities of a under investigation in the affair,

was all the more shocking because

laws concerning the financing of of posters for the April 1992 general elections, not of taking bribes. Shortly after Mr. La Malfa's de-

cision, word emerged in Milan that Giampiero Pesenti, head of a large this month, following the Socialist Giampiero Pesenti, head of a large leader, Bettino Craxi. But even construction group and a member though Mr. La Malfa's party ac- of the inner circle of Itaiv's business leaders, had been placed under the national vote, his resignation house arrest after magistrates interrogated him, accusing him of paying bribes of more than \$2 million each to the Socialist and Christian

Democrat parties. It was the second time this week he led his party into opposition that the country's private business after many years as a junior coaliin the yearlong investigation. Two ments. "I want nothing to do with senior executives of Fiat, the counpeople who are trying to destroy try's biggest private company, were arrested Monday on charges of involvement in the scandal

So far, more than 120 people

even the most cynical of Italians. And it has taken a harsher toll.

Italian magistrates said seven people accused of involvement in the affair had taken their lives since the investigation began. The latest apparent suicide was discovered Thursday, when the body of a 60year-old man was found near his home in a Rome suburb.

The man, Sergio Castellari, had disappeared a week ago after being notified that he was under investigation in connection with a shortlived merger in the late 1980s between a state-owned company and a big private chemical concern. A pistol and a nearly empty whiskey bottle were found near the body, magistrates said. At the time of his disappearance, he was reported to have written to his son, mother and estranged wife saying he would not

CHILD: A Death From a Random Shell, or Was It a Ramadan Message? intervention. It is the same for the "I know there are people around kitchen floor. Almedena's tiny par-

At least 18 of them died.

ter-line massacre. It was much the same: pensioners, housewives and children lining up to get water. Eight of them were killed in the cost of a loaf of bread or gallon of

According to the Serbs, it is not their fault. They say they did not fire those shells that have killed thousands of Saraievo residents the Muslims did. Muslims, Serbs say, are willing to kill their own people and blame it on the Serbs to bring about international military for long.

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These airdrops are being car-

ried out strictly for humanitarian

purposes; no combat aircraft will

be used in this operation," he said.

Most of the estimated 200,000

Bosnian Muslims, but the adminis-

One is to help ensure that Serbi-

flights, and the other is to help coax

tration went out of its way to target

two reasons, officials said.

regard to ethnic or religious affili-

shelled buildings: The Muslims, the world who are supporting our ka, with string-connected gloves Serbs say, want to destroy their struggle," said Senadin Seta, who dangling from its sleeves, hangs in offices and homes and blame it on makes jewelry in the courtyard a corner. United Nations commanders in

Whoever is sending all this lead into people's abdomens and beads is doing it well. There are no vacancies in the Sarajevo cemetery now. heat the living so that they do not become the dead. A soccer field is being used as a cemetery, and it still

Like the clock, time is standing

It was 4:50. AIRDROP: Clinton Gives Go-Ahead to Parachuting Supplies to Bosnia

Two other NATO powers, Ger-

all communities in the conflict for ed areas that cannot be reached at ficials said. The former defense secretary U.S. officials said they still an gunners don't open fire on the hoped that some American allies Dick Cheney expressed some doubts about the operation and said it would be a terrible miswould join in, after they see that the the warring parties to the peace airdrop operation can be mounted

ney said in a televison interview on NRC. "Whether or not it's an effective way to deliver humanitarian

■ Serbs Told to Hold Fire Serbian commanders Thursday

effectively. Britain and France, ordered their troops to hold fire which have been delivering supplies by land, have shown no interest in the air alternative.

many and Turkey, were ruled out because of Germany's historical links with Croatia and Turkey's with the Bosnian Muslims, which would have aroused suspicion among the Serbs that weapons, not food, were being dropped, U.S. of-

take" for the United States to get sucked into the Balkan conflict. "It appears certainly to have symbolic significance," Mr. Che-

supplies remains to be seen.

when U.S. aircraft begin the airdrops over eastern Bosnia, but they also warned again that the opera-interview that Northern Ireland tion could escalate the war, news was "a totally different place than agencies reported.

was "a totally different place than 10 years ago" and had made great

headquarters of the Bosnian Serbs, strife. troops were told not to shoot at U.S. aircraft "or to by any means jeopardize" the airdrops, the Tanjug press agency reported.

But the commanders again ex-

pressed concern that the conflict could escalate if aircraft were fired on and the United States responded with force. They argue that Muslims will fire at the planes and blame the Serbs.

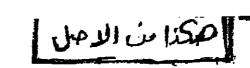
In another development Thursday, a UN convoy brought emergency aid to the Bosnian Muslim town of Gorazde, with more than 100 tons of family parcels, wheat flour and medical supplies. In Gorazde, 70,000 people under a Serbian siege last received outside help (AP. Reuters)

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nticements For All Tastes in Traveling

Bangkok, Thailand's gateway for most tourists, has the dynamic excitement of a great metropolis with some vast air-conditioned shopping centers, superb restaurants, modern business convention facilities and a lively

. Fear and Em

At the same time, the city has a wealth of memorable historical and cultural attractions, among them the dazzling Grand Palace, the National Museum, many of the leading Buddhist temples and, for anyone willing to take the time to seek them out,

nostalgic reminders of its romantic past as the "Venice of the East." Those with a taste for history and archaeology can construct a trip that includes prehistoric sites going back 5,000 years, the greatest Khmer temple complexes outside of Cambodia itself and the impressive remains of numerous old Thai cities. Sukhothai, the first capital, which saw a remarkable flowering of Thai art and

architecture, has been painstakingly restored as a huge historical park.
Ayutthaya, seat of the kingdom for
more than four centuries, lies just a few hours up the Chao Phraya River from Bangkok, easily accessible by boat or car.

For culture buffs, there are performances of Thai classical dance in bejeweled costumes, plus a collection of annual events so frequent they can be made to coincide with a visit almost any month during the year. Traditional nationwide festivals range from the boisterous celebration of the old Thai New Year in April to the beautiful Loy Krathong in November, when thousands of little lighted boats flicker

along the country's rivers and canals in honor of the water spirits. More localized events include the Pattaya Beach Festival (April), the Royal Ploughing Ceremony in Bangkok (May) the Phuket Vegetarian Festival (October), the Surin Elephant Roundup (November) and the Phuket King's Cup Yachting Regatta (December).

Adventurers can go on treks into the northern mountains around China Mai and China Rei where colorful tribal groups live in

Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, where colorful tribal groups live in remote villages, preserving traditions that have remained unchanged for centuries. Trekking agencies in both cities offer 10 to 12 standard tours to meet an assortment of budgets and desires. In addition, there are rafting trips down scenic rivers and elephant

Varied in its scenery — mountains and rice fields, rain forests and idyllic beaches — Thailand is equally diverse in the opportunities it offers a visitor. Probably no other destination in Asia contains such a range of choices for a holiday to satisfy almost any preference, from cultural exploration to pure leisure.

> Sports enthusiasts also have a wide choice. Since 1924, when the first public course was opened at the seaside resort of Hua Hin, golf has been a popular leisure activity among Thais. Now there are some 50 world-class courses, several designed by such international champions as Gary Player, Robert McFarland and Robert Trent Jones. The majority are located in or around Bangkok; others can be found in provincial destinations like Pattaya, Phuket and Chiang Mai.

Until a few decades ago, Pattaya was an obscure village on the east coast of the Gulf of Thailand. Its popularity began in the late 1960s, when improved roads made it much more accessible from Bangkok than the older Hua Hin. Today, encompassing not only the original beach but others stretching for several miles, it has the most extensive facilities of any resort in Southeast Asia, with hotel accommodations, theme parks and a nightlife rivaling that of the capital. Its islands offer the best water for scuba diving; land sports range from golf to horseback riding.

rides through the forests of the region.

network of more than 60 national

tending from the northernmost prov-

inces to the border of Malaysia in the

far south, covering both forests and offshore islands. All these have a

wealth of birdlife, and some provide

glimpses of such rare protected species

as elephants, gibbons, leopards and

mouse deer. Most parks can be visited

for a day trip from nearby provincial

Also ideal for nature lovers is the

Traditional Thai spectator sports include Thai-style boxing in which the feet are used with a grace at once balletic and lethal; longboat races, held annually on rivers in many provinces; takro, involving a ball made of woven rattan and played by men and boys all over the country; and kite fighting, a sort of aerial battle of the sexes with huge "males" endeavoring to

snare dainty, darting "females" high in the sky. Thailand can also serve as the focus for other specialized interests. Anyone who wants to study Buddhist meditation can sign up

for special classes at several temples in Bangkok or go for more extended stays at isolated ones in the countryside.

Another, Older Bangkok Lies Behind the Facade

game-fishing off the southern

Bangkok's sleek modern buildings and thronged thoroughfares mask another city: one that reveals unexpected vignettes of another, older time.

tioned tour bus, a certain stretch of Bangkok's Petchburi Road offers little in the way of surprise. It is lined with starkly utilitarian shops, interrupted here and there with more modern shopping centers and office buildings.

Walking along the same street, however, an observant pedestrian notices a narrow alleyway between two of the buildings and if, impelled by curiosity, he turns down it, an entirely different world is revealed.

Here he discovers a jungly garden shaded by ven-erable tamarind trees, a slightly dilapidated but imposing old Victorian-style palace and, beyond, one of Bangkok's surviving canals, flowing through scenery that looks much as it was described by visitors 70 years ago.

The experience suggests two things: there is another Bangkok behind the facade produced by the two decades of nonstop construction, and finding it requires a willingness to get out and explore.

Perhaps the best place to start is the Chao Phraya River. When Bangkok was established as the capital in 1782, and for a good century and a half afterward, this was the principal means of communica-

From the vantage point of tion — "the city's main party, sold by the gross. Of a private car or air-condi- highway," as Somerset course, Bangkok's many Maugham called it in the late 1920s. Nearly all the main historic landmarks overlook the river or lie just behind a screen of shops and warehouses, meaning that they can be easily visited by water.

Private boats can be

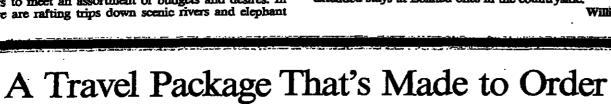
hired by the day, and inexpensive public ferries ply the river from dawn to nightfall. At various conveniently located public landings, visitors can see the spectacular compound containing the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the National Museum, a dozen or so major Buddhist temples and the colorful wholesale market of Pakklong Talad.

An even more alluring ambience can be found on the meandering canals of Thonburi, once a separate city across the Chao Phraya. Open houses line the waterways like a series of little theaters displaying everyday Thai life.

On land, too, it is possible to find a Bangkok as excitingly different as anyone could wish. Shops in the clamorous, labyrinthine alleyways of Chinatown, for example, offer all sorts of odd things, from edible birds' nests to hand-carved coffins, from esoteric cooking equipshopping centers offer everything from brand-name perfumes to precious antiques. The biggest of these is the Central Plaza in the northern part of the capital, a popular marketplace full of upscale boutiques and stores selling the latest items at very reasonable

The city's public mar-kets are another colorful sight. At Pratunam, an enormous covered area is devoted entirely to readyto-wear clothing. At Bangrak market on New Road, the specialty is flowers, either by the bunch or transformed into stunning traditional arrangements.

The greatest of them all is the Weekend Market, held Saturday and Sunday at Chatuchak Park across from the Central Plaza hotel and shopping complex, which is the most spacious in Southeast Asia and has one of Thailand's largest and best-equipped convention and exhibition halls. Here, just about everything that Thailand grows or makes is on sale, and the always large crowds represent a crosssection of Thai life.



Sea-canoeing is one of the newest activities.

The Royal Orchid Holidays program offered by Thai Airways International (THAI) includes a range of more than 30 different packages, plus optional trips covering the entire country.

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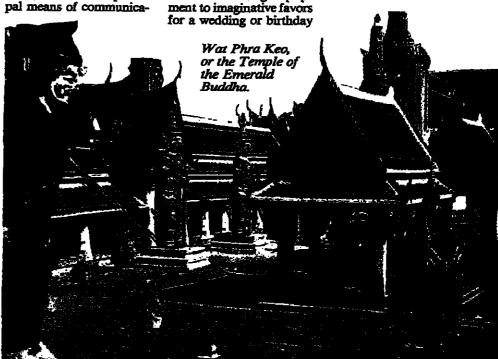
THAI has designed Royal Orchid Holidays to give customers all the advantages of prepackaged travel without the drawbacks of traveling in a group. Royal Orchid Holidays,

a program involving more than 70 destinations in 38 countries around the world, gives travelers the freedom of choice associated with individual travel plans; at the same time, it is able to offer the cost savings usually found only

in group package tours. "We are accepted as a side the region. What was needed, it was felt, was a quality worldwide package reliable system whereby program offering upmartravelers could make all ket clients a very attractive arrangements for hotels, price, even if it isn't the cheapest service," says Sumisa Shuntikul, director transportation, sightseeing and so on, just as it suited them, in all the stops on of Royal Orchid Holidays.

their itinerary. The original concept Drawing on its vast redates back to the 1960s, when THAI concluded gional and international organization, THAI decided to coordinate a comthat many of Asia's most interesting and unusual atplete travel program. tractions were not being marketed effectively out-

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Adventure tourism is a growth industry in Thailand. An increasing number of visitors has both the means to travel for action sports and a "green" orientation, leading them to seek natural, unspoiled surroundings in which to enjoy their favorite activities.

foreign visitors fall into the 25-45 age group. Marketing surveys conducted in both the United States and Asia show that these people are college-educated, affluent and concerned with "quality of life."

The Andaman Sea side of Thailand's southern peninsula provides ideal conditions for the long December-May high season, with consistently sunny, dry weather and calm seas. Sailors and windsurfers can rely on good winds, and with water temperatures of 27-30 degrees centigrade (80.5-86 Fahrenheit), divers do not need wetsuits. The seas are clean and uncongested by boat traffic. To a lesser extent, much of the Gulf of Thailand offers similar conditions during low sea-

son in the Andaman Sea. Thailand's beaches offer a wide range of accommodation, from primitive bungalows to five-star resort hotels. A wealth of entertainment and other recreational facilities is available in centers such as Phuket and Pattaya. At the same time, with the exception of a few beaches out of dozens, the region has yet to be overdeveloped, and the adventure tourist can find plenty of facilities and conditions

for enjoying action sports. Scuba diving is perhaps the most popular of local adventure sports. The main centers for scuba instruction, as well as for equipment sales, rentals and service, are Phuket, in the Andaman Sea, and Pattaya, Koh Samui and Chumphon in the Gulf. Beginners can sign up for

Over half of Thailand's an internationally recognized basic open-water PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instruc-tors) or NAUI (National Association of Underwater Instructors) course, while those who already have basic accreditation might choose from a variety of specialty courses everything from Wreck Diving to Underwater

Photography. Koh Similan, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Phuket, is probably the best-known diving area in Thai waters This group of nine small islands has a reputation as being one of the top 10 scuba destinations in the world. More than 30 firstrate individual sites provide everything from coral walls to caves to shallow corals for snorkeling. Underwater visibility of 30 meters and more, unusually interesting bottom to-pography and a large variety and number of reef fish and other marine life make this area extremely popu-

Meanwhile, other areas, notably Hin Daeng in Trang Province and Koh Chang National Park in Trat, have assumed the role of diving frontiers in Thailand. One of these alternatives, the so-called Burma Banks, offers opensea dives on submerged banks covered with coral and visited by open-water species of fish.

For sailors, there are regularly scheduled yacht cruises amid magnificently scenic island groups and marine national parks such as those found in Phang Nga Bay, Krabi and Ang Thong. Those



who want to crew themselves can hire a "bare-boat" charter, which provides a sailboat plus a skipper. Those with sufficient experience can simply take the boat and look after themselves. Charter operators are based on Pattaya/Jomtien Beach in the Gulf or Phuket in the

Sea canoeing in Phang Nga Bay, just northeast of

Phuket, is the newest adventure for visitors. One Phuket-based operator is taking small groups out to explore the hongs, collapsed cave systems inside the jungle-fringed and sheer-cliffed limestone islands of the bay. These hidden worlds of tropical flora and fauna open to the sky are accessible, in many cases, only through sea caves at low tide.

sailfish and marlin.

added adventure of nights spent in hill-tribe villages.

The newest terrestrial attraction in the south is jungle trekking. Visitors can tour national parks such as Khao Sok, making their way up forest trails in four-wheel-drive vehicles, then walking or paddling canoes still deeper into rain forests that have remained largely unchanged for millennia.

Thailand also offers less adventurous activities. Golf is rapidly becoming the kingdom's most popular sport. Alan Hopkins, photographer and publisher of "Golf Thailand," voices a common percep-tion: "Some of the old courses and many of the new ones are world-class. But visitors commonly say they have more fun here than anywhere else they've ever played, in large part because of the extraordinary service and the atmosphere of Thailand as a

Collin Piprell

Big-game fishing is another alternative. At least 10 well-equipped and expertly operated game-fishing boats are running oneto five-day cruises out of Phuket in search of classic fighting fish, including

Thailand has landbased adventure activities as well. Mountain biking, for example, is an ideal way to explore some of the most interesting hill country in Southeast Asia, Enthusiasts rent tough, multigeared machines and take them into the rugged interior of the north. A biking excursion can provide the

ural environment. An even more recent discovery for international tourism is Koh Chang Marine National Park group of almost 50 islands lying off the coast of Trat Province, four hours by road southeast of Bangkok and right next to the border with Cambodia.

Koh Chang itself is, after Phuket, Thailand's second-largest island. It is sparsely populated, with an interior that is still largely rain forest, Devel-

opment has so far been slow, but the area is poised to boom as the country's next resort frontier.

New developments are also apparent elsewhere in the country. Chiang Mai, the country's second city, has long been established as the main tourist destination in Thailand's north. Chiang Rai, however, is now emerging from Chiang Mai's shadow as an attraction in its own right. A new airport and several deluxe hotels have already established the town as an attractive base for exploring the far north. Doi Tung and Doi Mae Salong, two mountains with hill-tribe villages hidden away

senting themselves to a new class of traveler. on their jungled slopes, provide panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Beyond lies Mae Sai, Thailand's northernmost town and a bustling frontier

Accommodations range

from hocurious to

basic at Pattaya.

trading center on the border with Burma. To the northeast, on the banks of the Mekong River, the sleepy market town of Chiang Saen is worth a visit for its ancient ruins. A little farther upstream, the borders of Thailand, Burma and Laos meet in the "Golden Triangle," now a major tourist attraction with comfortable hotels and other facilities.

The town of Mae Hong Son, nestled in a mist-shrouded forest valley northwest of Chiang Mai, is served by both THAI and Bangkok Airways flights and has a good range of accommodation. Despite that, it has so far managed to retain much of its air of timelessness and isolation.
Local attractions include unusually scenic mountains, some of them topped with temples and, in season, lower slopes densely carpeted with wildflowers.

Older resorts, of course, are still drawing visitors. Pattaya was Thailand's first international beach resort. Over the past 20 years, this large bay on the Gulf of Thailand, just a couple of hours by road from Bangkok, has grown from into a full-fledged city. Whereas most other beach resorts rely simply on natural surroundings for their attraction, Pattaya strives to offer a complete mix of sporting options. On the water, there is sailing, windsurfing, waterskiing, parasailing, snorkeling, scuba

diving and deep-sea fishing; on land the choice includes golf, tennis, horseback riding, shooting, archery, bowling and snooker.

Pattaya can be very much all things to all people, and while there is everything for the sports enthusiast, there is also plenty to keep children happily occupied, as well as ample entertainment day and night to satisfy visitors of all ages.

Although Pattaya does dominate the east coast, quieter places for a beach vacation are close at hand. Rayong Province has lots of sandy, tree-lined coastline and is pleasantly uncrowded yet still close to all the amenities of Pattaya and Bangkok.



Alluring Destinations

Ongoing improvements in transportation

services are putting virtually the whole of Thailand within comfortable range of the

holidaymaker. Seaside resort areas such

as Pattaya, Phuket and Koh Samui have

grown to be among Thailand's prime at-

tractions. These three centers began as

destinations known only to a privileged

few, tropical seaside Shangri-las adver-

tised mainly by word of mouth. From low-budget destinations with minimal fa-

cilities, each in turn rapidly developed

For those who like their beaches less

built-up and are willing to trade the lack of a full range of facilities for relative peace and unspoiled nature, Krabi and

Koh Chang are the two new challengers

Krabi Province, on the shores of the

Andaman Sea some 800 kilometers (500

miles) south of Bangkok, has what many

consider to be the country's best beaches.

Bungalows nestle at the foot of striking

for primacy among Thai beach resorts.

into a thriving tourist center.

limestone cliffs fringed

with jungle, while five-

star resorts have been de-

signed to blend in as

much as possible with

both the cultural and nat-

Both Well-Known and New

Whereas 20 years ago Bangkok was almost Thailand's sole

attraction, with Chiang Mai a distant rival, one area of the

country after another has since opened up to visitors. This

pattern continues, with ever-more-remote frontiers pre-

Sailing at Pattaya, on the Gulf of Thailand.

A Travel Package That's Made to Order

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Working on the customer's behalf, the airline developed a close partner-ship with hotels, ground handling operators and others involved in the travel business in each of its destinations.

The airline does not operate the tours itself. Explains Ms. Sunisa: "We ensure quality by carefully selecting our hotels and appointing only the most outstanding ground operators. We produce a lot of volume for hotels and agents. Therefore, we are able to get a better price, which, as we are an airline and not a tour operator, we can pass on to the customer without any mark-

up."
The main feature of Royal Orchid Holidays, however, is its flexibility. Using a combination of brief stopovers, longer holidays and optional add-

on elements, travelers can create a travel plan precisely suited to their needs. from a few days to a month or more. They can fly scheduled flights whenever they like, and there is a choice of hotels to fit budgets from economy to deluxe.

An additional advantage, especially for business travelers, who often have to plan at short notice, is the convenience of quick reservations. Holidays can be arranged either through accredited travel agents or through any THAI office. "It's as easy as booking an airline ticket," says Ms. Sunisa. "With our computerized and high-tech international communications, we can promise a free sales bank and instant confir-

mation." Not surprisingly, the Royal Orchid Holidays concept has proved a success. When the program

was first launched in 1969. there were just 12 tour plans attracting only a few hundred customers. In the 1991-92 season, 125,000 visitors traveled on 132 basic tour plans with 100 options and extensions covering Thailand, the rest of Asia, Australasia and major cities throughout Eu-

Today, there are several different types of Royal Orchid Holiday. They vary from brief stopovers in all the key destinations served by THAI to comprehensive tour plans including whole regions. They can also cater to special interests, with itineraries designed to give an indepth travel experience.

THAI is also constantly introducing refinements to enhance the scope of this scheme and to maximize efficiency. New in 1993, for example, is a revised stopover program providing accommodation only

and designed for the frequent traveler.

Thailand, unsurprisingly, is the most popular destination, with tours taking in all the top spots, plus a range of activities. Visitors can enjoy a two-night mini-break in Bangkok for as little as \$75, or can travel farther afield for a threeday/two-night trek in the

north for \$149. Beyond Thailand, Royal Orchid Holidays' list of travel options includes river rafting in Nepal, some of the world's best beaches and mountain ranges from Mount Fuji to the Pyre-

There is also the chance to explore new and still largely unvisited destinations like Lacs, Cambodia and Vietnam From Bangkok to Horg Kong Paris and Rome Royal Orchid Holidays provides the best in shopping and dining opportunities.

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Gateway to the Sights of Southeast Asia

The countries bordering Thailand are now accessible from Bangkok, and each offers the visitor both remarkable scenery and exotic cultural attractions.

Last October, after an interval of nearly two decades, Thai International Airways reinaugurated flights to Phnom Penh. With the Cambodian capital back on the aviation map. Thailand becomes the full gateway to its Southeast Asian neighbors: Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia to the east, Burma to the west and Yunnan Province of China to the north. While hotels and other tourist infrastructure in these countries do not match those available in Thailand, this is compensated for by the sense of adventure and privileged access afforded in exploring sights and scenes long hidden from the ordinary traveler.

Cambodia, among Thailand's closest neighbors, is in many ways the most appealing, despite the scars left by two decades of civil strife. Phnom Penh, for instance, retains much of its colonial charm.

As a tourist attraction, however, the capital is overshadowed by the country's biggest draw, Angkor, Once capital of the mighty Khmer empire. Angkor is one of the true wonders of Asia. Awesome in its size, beauty and stark isolation, this site has been described as mankind's greatest expression of religious faith.



Most famous of the associated architectural marvels is the 12th-century Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building, a huge and intricate rectangular mass rising to a central core of five distinctive towers. Its grandeur is complemented by its wealth of ornamentation. Finely executed bas-relief scenes from epic legends stretch the length of the long gallery walls, while richly carved stonework embellishes the maze of chambers and courtyards.

Beyond Angkor Wat lie more astohishing sights still. The Bayon, an imposing stone pile of 54 towers, each with enigmatic stone faces gazing to the four points of the compass, is perhaps the most notable. Presh Khan, a well-preserved late 12th-

century temple complex, absorbs visitors with its labyrinth of pavilions, halls and chapels. Ta Phrom's ruins lie half-swallowed by jungle growth, deliberately left this way by restorers so that the viewer can get some idea of how the other ancient Khmer remains in this area first appeared to their modern discoverers.

Laos, to the north of Cambodia, is

still pre-package-tour Asia. The country's two main cities are Vientiane, the capital, and the old royal city of Luang Prabang. Tucked away amid the folds of a high, jungled mountain range, Luang Prabang has a dreamlike quality about it. Founded in the 14th century, this tiny city sits on a promontory formed by the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers. In the center of town, the Phousi, a rocky pagoda-topped outcrop. overlooks traditional temple roofs.

Apart from a half-dozen Buddhist temples, architecturally the stuff of Oriental fairy tales, sightseeing includes the former royal palace, now a museum. It is also possible to take a boat trip up the Mekong to Pak Ou Cave, an image-packed Buddhist shrine that overlooks the

In Vietnam, the two principle destinations are Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. Hanoi is the smaller, quieter and more traditional of the two, with colonialperiod architecture, tree-lined boulevards and quintessentially Asian scenes of pagodas and lakes. Excursions from Hanoi include Ha Long Bay, one of Asia's most scenic spots. Ho Chi Minh City is currently in the process of rejuvenation. New hotels, restaurants, shops and nightclubs are opening following economic liberal-

Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City are linked by air, road and rail services. The overland route takes the traveler by several noteworthy attractions, including the old imperial capital of Hue, the ancient Cham site of My Son, the beautiful beaches of Nha Trang and the hill resort of Dalat. Burma, Thailand's western neigh-

bor, offers some rare experiences. In the capital, Rangoon, the decaying British colonial architecture and the whole pace of life take the visitor back to the 19th century.

Burma's three major tour destinations are Yangon, where sightseeing highlights include the unparalleled Shwedagon Pagoda; Mandalay, an old royal capital with temples and pagodas; and Pagan, ancient capital of the first Burmese empire and, with its hundreds of temple ruins, a near rival to Angkor.

North of Burma and Laos lies Kunming, capital of China's Yunnan Province, and the dramatically mountainous Xishuangbanna region, rich in lakes and carved by mighty river systems.







Getting Around by Plane, Boat and Train

From the metropolis to the ancient ruins of bygone capitals, from beach resorts to hill country, Thailand almost always offers a safe, efficient and inexpensive means of transportation. Here are some of the possibilities.

Thailand, a country about the size of France, has the advantage of offering a major business, shopping and cultural center such as Bangkok while also providing access to remote islands and mountain valleys. The options for transport suit any itiner-

Elephant-riding is a

traditional means of transport.

Fastest and most convenient, of course, is air travel. Since 1950, Bangkok has been an important crossroads for international air traffic. Today, Thai Airways International, in addition to its own international routes, also operates an extensive domestic network covering 20 destinations. Most points have direct service from Bangkok: on trunk routes, such as those to Chiang Mai or Phuket, there are several

flights every day. In addition, private domestic carrier Bangkok Airways operates direct flights from Bangkok to Koh Samui, Hua Hin and U-Tapao (for Pattaya). It also flies to Phuket, Trang and Mac Hong Son, with other routes currently in the planning stage.

Prior to an ambitious highway program undertaken in the late 1930s, travel within Thailand was almost entirely by waterway or rail. A trip from Bangkok to Chiang Mai could take a week. Since that time, this country has developed an extensive road system, which is already very good and is getting better, with ongoing expansion of existing routes from Bangkok to the provinces. Car rental.

with or without driver, is readily available. Traditionally, Thailand has been a land of river

and sea transport, with

settlement patterns usually following coastlines and inland waterways. Plenty of cruises and excursions are to be had out of Phuket or Samui, while river trips from Bangkok to the old capital at Ayutthaya are recommended. Otherwise, scheduled passenger boat service is limited to a few local ferry services, such as those between Surat Thani and Koh Samui or Phuket and Koh Phi Phi, and the new JetCat catamaran operation between Phuket and the Malaysian island of Langkawi.

Thailand's first railway - a line that ran from Bangkok to Paknam, at the mouth of the Chao Phraya River — was opened in 1891. Today, major rail links join Bangkok to the south (continuing on through Malaysia to Singapore), the northeast and the northern capital of Chiang Mai. Rolling stock is generally good, and there are both firstclass and second-class sleepers, as well as both air-conditioned and fancooled carriages.

By late September of this year, Thailand should have what is being touted as the ultimate in train travel. The Eastern and Oriental Express, sister to the famous Venice-Simplon Orient Express, is scheduled to begin deluxe service between Singapore and Bangkok.

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True Folk Art Persists in Functional Crafts

Increasingly sought-after by visitors to Thailand are its functional crafts items used in everyday life that often rise to the level of genuine folk art through beauty of form and skilled workmanship.

Looking back after he had left Thailand in the 1930s. an English physician named Malcolm Smith observed: "Every town in the country [in the past] had its own industries, its potters, its metal workers, its carpenters and boat builders, its weavers and basket-makers. Everything required by the people for their daily needs was made at home."

To Dr. Smith, whose practice was confined to Bangkok, it seemed that most of these homely crafts had vanished, swept away by the vogue for cheap, mass-produced Western products. At the village level, however, this never really happened.

Basket weaving, for instance, remains an important cottage industry

throughout the country. There are baskets for just about every conceivable need that might arise in rural life: measuring and winnowing rice, carrying lunch to the fields, rearing silkworms, storing clothes and other valuables or going to market.

On the principle that form follows function. each basket is designed to serve a specific purpose. But to an outside observer, it is evident that something else has been achieved as well. Not just skill but artistry has gone into the complex patterns and shapes.

Many of the more attractive functional crafts are made for the kitchen. There are handsomely fashioned ladles of wood or coconut shell, earthenware cooking pots, elegant strainers of wire mesh or bamboo, charcoal braziers of numerous kinds and stone mortars essential for grinding Thai food ingredients. Less easy to find but cherished by collectors are wooden coconut scrapers in the form of various animals such as rabbits, cats and elephants.

Simple but handsome pottery is made throughout the country, each region having certain distinctive designs of its own. Among these are the fine, low-fired water jars of the north, lightly glazed with terra cotta. Traditionally, one of these is placed on a stand outside each temple and private home so that thirsty strangers can stop and refresh themselves.

Also ubiquitous are supole mats for sleeping or Made by plaiting reeds, strips of palm leaf or some other easily available local plant, these are often decorated with colored geometric or floral patterns.

Handwoven cotton is the basic cloth of rural Thais, turned into colorful sarongs worn by both men and women (with different designs to distinguish them) as well as carrying bags and other everyday

Old examples of these crafts can be found in many antique shops in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, a response to their new desirability as "collectibles," while new ones in abundance are available in any market. Particularly good places to look while on a visit are Bangkok's great Weekend Market and Chiang Mai's Night Ba-





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Local Dishes

To Discover

As countless cookbooks

and restaurants attest, Thai cuisine is very definitely

hot these days - in more

than one sense. Its subtle

gradations of spicy and

sweet, salty and sour, re-

flect an assortment of culi-

Thailand's cuisine, like its culture, is

blended in ways that make it quite differ-

ent from anything else in Asia and a revelation to Western palates.

What many foreign admirers of Thai

food may not realize, however, is that the

cooking varies from region to region,

sometimes in small ways that only a true

expert could appreciate, sometimes in dramatic ones. Traveling about the coun-

try can thus be a culinary experience as

well as an opportunity to enjoy a wide

In the mountainous far north, for in-

stance, the food is as distinctive as the

handicrafts for which the region is noted. Instead of the soft, boiled rice served

with every meal in the central plains,

northerners prefer a steamed, glutinous

variety. This is traditionally eaten with

the fingers, making small balls to dip into

without the coconut milk popular in cen-

tral and southern Thai cooking, and

there are local versions of dishes like nam

phrik ong, the basic dipping sauce that

manifests itself in such dishes as khao

soi, a curry broth with egg noodles and chicken, pork or beef, and gaeng hang

lay, a pork curry seasoned with ginger,

Northeastern Thailand borders on

Laos and Cambodia and shares culinary

traditions with both. As in Laos, gluti-

nous rice is the staple, and typical Lao-

tian herbs such as dill often turn up as seasonings. The northeast has suffered

turmeric and tamarind.

The cuisine of neighboring Burma

accompanies almost every Thai meal.

Curries of the north tend to be thinner,

range of scenic attractions.

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mundane dishes. Typical northeastern dishes like som tam (green papaya salad) and laab (spicy minced meat or chicken) are becoming increasingly popular with outsiders. In-

The long southern Thai peninsula stretches down to Malaysia, and scafood caught off its shores figures prominently in the regional cooking. Outside influences are revealed in such specialties as gaeng mussaman, an Indian-style curry with cardamom, cloves and cinnamon, and Indonesian satay, marinated bits of meat on skewers with a spicy peanut

The coconuts to be seen growing everywhere provide several ingredients: milk for thickening soups and curries, oil for frying and the grated meat as a condiment. Southern food rivals that of the northeast in chili-laced heat, and locals are partial to a bitter taste imparted by a native flat bean called sa-taw, which other Thais tend to find less than appealing.

the central plains, a vast, flat, fertile and markets.

evident in numerous fast-food dishes based on rice noodles, often in a spicy claborate creations that supposedly originated in royal circles. These are distinvegetable garnishes and a general refinement that suggests long hours of skilled

variety of exotic ingredients, among them fermented fish, frogs, silkworms and grasshoppers. It may also account for a tendency to use chili peppers with a greater abandon than almost anywhere greater abandon than almost anywhere else, thus giving a definite zip to the most

deed, some connoisseurs now regard an ability to prepare such delicacies as the true test of a real Thai cook.

The historic heart of Thailand lies in

basin of rice fields, fruit orchards and vegetable gardens. Bangkok dominates the region, culturally as well as economi-cally, and here all the country's regional foods can be found in its crowded streets The Chinese influence is particularly

broth. There is a unique central plains category referred to as "palace cooking," guished by elegantly carved fruit and preparation.

Here are some recipes from Thailand's various regions; the uncommon ingredients are available in Asian markets in most big cities.

(Northern Style Chili Dip)

6 tablespoons minced shallots

2 tablespoons minced garlic

tablespoon shrimp paste

3 tablespoons vegetable oil 1/2 teaspoon salt

Pound or grind together the chopped dried chiling paste until smooth. Heat the oil in a frying pan.

Fry the chili paste for one minute,

then add the minced pork and diced

tomato and simmer for 10 minutes.

Season with fish sance, sugar and

lime juice. Serve as a dip with cu-

cumber, cabbage slices and crispy

l tablespoon sugar l tablespoon fish sauce

2 tablespoons lime juice

5 dried chilies, seeded, soaked and chopped

pork cracklings.

1 cup minced pork

1 cup diced tomato

The style of cooking varies from north to south, sometimes in subtle ways, sometimes dramatically. Left: Fried chicken, green papaya salad and rice. Right: Prawn soup with lemon grass. FROM THE NORTH: FROM THE NORTHEAST: NAM PHRIK ONG

> 1 cup coarsely grated green 1 tablespoon ground dried papaya (or shredded shrimp (Green Papaya Salad) l tablespoon fish sauce cabbage) 2 tomatoes, sliced 1 tablespoon sugar

SOM TAM

1/2 cup grated carrot 2 tablespoons lime juice 1 teaspoon grated lime pecl 2-3 chilies, chopped

Mix the first four ingredients together. Season with fish sauce, lime juice and sugar to taste. Sprinkle with ground dried shrimps and chopped chilies.

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FROM THE CENTRAL PLAINS:

(Prawn Soup with Lemon Grass) 20 medium-sized prawns

3 shallots, finely chopped

2 tablespoons fish sauce

tablespoons lime juice

coriander, spring onions

20 small mushrooms

6 kaffir lime leaves

2-3 hot chilies

2 stalks lemon grass, lightly

pounded and cut into 1-inch

2 slices fresh or dried galanga root

Wash the prawns and shell them

without removing the tails. Pour the

water into a saucepan, add the shal-lots, lemon grass, fish sauce and ga-langa root and boil for 5 minutes.

Add the prawns and mushrooms and

cook until the prawns turn pink. Add

the kaffir lime leaves (ordinary lime

leaves can be used if these are un-

available), lime juice and chilies.

Cover and remove from the heat.

Serve hot, with a garnish of chopped

coriander leaves and minced spring

4-5 cups water

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staff, according to a survey released Thursday. The German Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry said the results of its spring survey of more than 20,000 companies were the most pessimistic since the survey be-

gan in its present form in 1985. "Expectations in industry have reached an absolute low point," the DIHT managing director, Franz Schoser, said at a news conference. "The recession is spreading. There are no signs of a change in trend. A downward spiral can no

longer be excluded," he said. Separately, in Hamburg, the Bundesbank vice president, Hans Tietmeyer, said that the German money supply appeared to be falling.

Mr. Tietmeyer acknowledged that "several of the most important economic indicators" had deteriorated sharply but that the situation was "not so bad" as it was made out to be.

The central council of the Bundesbank, hich sets interest rates, next meets on March Mr. Tietmeyer recalled that in deciding ether or not to cut rates the central bank took account of price increases and budgetary and salary policies.

"German policymakers, when taking decisions, must bear in mind growing responsibility at international level," he said. "We are perfectly aware that monetary policy has repercus-

Only 12 percent of businesses expect Germa ny's economic performance to improve in the foreseeable future, less than half the proportion of optimists in the February 1992 survey.

Fully 48 percent expect the economy to deteriorate and 40 percent see no change. Some 43 percent of businesses expect to invest less in 1993 than they did last year and only 18 percent

High wage costs are expected to lead to continued staff cuts, with 44 percent of companies expecting to reduce their work force in 1993 and only 7 percent foreseeing an increase. Only 16 percent of companies expected to export more in 1993 than they did in 1992,

while 37 percent saw exports falling. Mr. Schoser said West German companies were worried that the high prices they had to charge for their goods and services had under-mined their international competitiveness.

Even if there is a recovery in the world economy, it is questionable whether German manies will have a share in it," he said.

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International Herald Tribune, Friday, February 26, 1993

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The House Has an Edge

In Casino Stock Offering

By Floyd Norris

Argosy went public a week ago at \$19 a share, and for a few

ing was a sumning success. It began trading at \$21.50, but sagged to a low of \$15 on Thursday, recovering to \$16.75 in afternoon trading on the over-the-

That fee, for providing a \$5 million loan, was \$8.5 million. Of course, the company could not afford to pay such a fee immediately, so it was to be paid over time. But it has now been paid in full

Argosy owns one casino riverboat, which is docked in Alton, Illinois, and has garnered enough money to build a second one, which is to begin service later this year. Add in three barges and a few other

See ARGOSY, Page 13

with part of the proceeds from the public offering.

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cash out when public investors are ready to buy. The insiders invested \$201,000 for their stock, or roughly a penny a share. In the offering, they sold 8.3 percent of their shares for \$31.7 million. Add in the \$13 million of dividends they have received, and their investment looks pretty good. The insiders had not originally expected to do that well from the offering. But when underwriters led by Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette concluded that they could sell 6 million shares, a million more than originally planned, the company decided that all the extra proceeds would go to insiders, rather than to provide additional against The contract of the contract o tional capital. It did take more than \$201,000 to get Argosy going, and a couple of shareholders provided loans. The loans not only bore interest but, in one case, an additional and truly extraordinary "accommo-

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EC Will Tax Steel From East as Part Of a Crisis Plan

BRUSSELS — European Community industry ministers agreed Thursday on a crisis plan to make deep cuts in steel production and to impose special tariffs on imports of cheap steel from Eastern Europe, diplomats said.

The decision comes amid a worldwide recession in the steel industry that has brought widespread layoffs, American sanctions against European and Asian steelmakers and sharp divisions between Western and Eastern Europe.

The Community also grappled with another contentious trade issue Thursday, agreeing to set minimum prices for imports of five types of fish from Russia, Iceland, Norway and Poland. The decision

Germany sent increasingly strong signals this week that it was fed up with France's 'Fortress Europe' rhetoric. Page 13. to impose a floor price, which will remain in effect for four months came after EC fishermen had protested that surges of cheap imports were forcing them to slash prices.

The industry ministers gave broad backing to an EC Commission plan to help cushion the impact of job cuts and plant closings in the steel industry, leaving it to the industry itself to decide where the ax should fall to rid the Community of chronic overcapacity.
"Things went well," said the French industry minister, Dominique

Strauss-Kahn. "The Commission's approach is correct. An expert's report for the Commission estimated that 50,000 jobs could be lost in the steel sector as it sheds overcapacity totaling 30 million metric tons of crude steel and up to 26 million tons of hotrolled products. Actual production of crude steel last year was 132

The meeting agreed that the restructuring should be completed by 1994 but with the possibility of an extension to 1995 in special circumstances, the French minister said.

The commission has proposed that the EC provide 240 million European currency units (\$290 million) to finance plant closures, retraining and social costs, to be matched by EC national governments. But first it has set an end-September deadline for the industry to come up with firm closure plans on a sufficient scale.

Diplomats said the thorniest issue of the day Thursday was how to handle low-priced imports from Eastern Europe, which grew by 15 percent last year. The steel exports are a vital source of hard currency for struggling ex-Communist states, where wages are far lower than in the West, but seen by many Community steelworkers as a threat to thair jobs.

"You cannot sacrifice a job in Lorraine to protect one in Bohemia," Mr. Strauss-Kahn said.

The Commission had proposed negotiating three-year tariff quo-tas to limit imports, while Britain pressed for a two-year limit. (Reusers, AFP, AP) ■ Cutting Out Switzerland

The European Community and the European Free Trade Association agreed Thursday on changes to their European Economic Area agreement that would cut out Switzerland, whose voters have rejected membership, news agencies reported.

The two blocs agreed on a protocol striking out all mention of

Switzerland and solving problems over funding and farming that the Swiss exit had raised. The groups said they hoped to have the pact in force by July 1 but added that the date depended on ratification of the changes by the 18 national parliaments. (AFP, Renaers)

U.S. Study Maintains Drug Firms Overcharge

EW YORK — As public stock offerings go, Argosy Gaming Co. was a gamble for investors and a good bet for the house. Insiders, including Jimmy Connors, the tennis star, cleaned up on the public offering in the Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Drug manufacturers are making substantial profits despite the high costs of recompany, which runs a casino on a Mississippi riverboat, but its sambling monopoly in the St. Louis area is about to give way to search and development, a report to

the U.S. Congress said Thursday.
The report, by the Office of
Technology Assessment, confirmed President Bill Clinton's assertion "about the ability of drug companies to lower their prices," said Representative Henry A. Wax-man, Democrat of California, who released the report.

"The report is convincing eviold, and only began spinning the roulette wheels in the fall of 1991. But its history shows how quickly the founders of a company can dence that drug prices can be re-duced without affecting their existing or projected commitment to research on breakthrough drugs," said Mr. Waxman, chairman of the House subcommittee on health.

Drug manufacturers generally defend their pricing policies by citing the high costs of new drug de-velopment, but the study found that revenues from pharmaceutical research and development in recent years had more than offset its high risks and costs.

"Each new drug introduced to the U.S. market between 1981 and 1983 returned, net of taxes, at least \$36 million more to its investors than was needed to pay off the R&D investment," the study said. "This surplus return amounts to

over its product life." to 1987 "economic returns were about 2 to 3 percentage points

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higher than those of firms in other

The report also estimated that drug companies spend roughly 22 percent of their total sales on advertising and marketing, amounting to about \$10 billion each year.

Mr. Waxman said that the industry's own figures suggested that it spent only about \$8 billion on research and development, or approximately \$2 billion less than it spends on advertising and mar-

"This advertising and marketing isn't just wasted money," he said. "It's money that could be used to cut drug prices."

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association said Thursday that the report was wrong in its

It said the report had made mis-takes in calculating tax rates, the benefits of holding a patent and the value of overseas sales. But Bob Allmutt, the associa-

tion's executive vice president, noted that the U.S. health-care industry had undergone changes over the last 10 years.

Mr. Allmutt pointed in particu-lar to the proposals being consid-ered by Mr. Clinton to overhaul 4.3 percent of the price of each drug the system and said that calls for managed competition would help The report found that from 1976 bring about "ferocious competi1987 "economic returns were tion" that would reduce prices.

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ICI Clears Deck With Huge Charge

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — It was "undoubtedly a momentous day" for Imperial
Chemical Industries, said the chairman, Sir Denys Henderson, Indeed.
ICI, Britam's largest manufacturer, announced Thursday that it

was charging off a whopping £949 million (\$1.38 billion) against earnings to lay off thousands of workers, sell operations and otherwise prepare for the spinoff of its pharmaceuticals business this year.

Sir Denys said that in spite of widespread criticism of the timing, the company would split itself in two at mid-year and ask stockholders to buy new shares worth £1.3 billion to help pay down debt.

The spinoff of the drugs business as Zeneca Group PLC, first mooted by ICI last July, is to be presented to shareholders in May and is to take place by June, barring a catastrophe like a stock-market collapse, company officials said.

"The board are convinced that we must look beyond recession and that this is an appropriate moment to proceed," Sir Denys said.

The package of demerger and corporate cleanup agreed with investors, even though the charge, booked with 1992 results, plunged ICI into a £384 million pretax loss for the year.

ICI's stock rocketed up 7 percent to close 75 pence higher at £11.53 a share on the London exchange. Stock analysts said they could not immediately be certain how much the new ICI and Zeneca shares would together be worth, advancing estimates that ranged from

£11.60 to more than £14.

DEC Cuts Irish Jobs, Raising EC Tension

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches

DUBLIN — Ireland lost out Thursday in a contest with Scotland to keep jobs at Digital Equipment Corp. facilities, heating up the rancorous dispute among EC members over employment. DEC said it would close its factory in Galway, costing 780 jobs by February 1994. The announcement was a bitter blow for the Irish government, which had lobbied the company to make cuts at its other European plant, which is in Ayr, Scotland.

The Irish town will retain DEC's European software headquarters, employing 350 people, and the company will keep 350 sales and An Irish official said Dublin had asked the European Community to investigate reports that Britain was "bending the rules with

inducements to Digital." The EC Commission said it would look into the matter, Ireland said. EC solidarity is being stretched by unhappiness about recession, job losses and factory closures as the member countries fight to retain shares in a shrinking pie.

Britain has been involved in many of the disputes. Having opted out of the social chapter of the Treaty on European Union, Britain can offer employers lower costs than many other EC nations. The decision last month by Hoover Co. to shift jobs from France to Scotland set off protests by Paris about what has been called "social dumping."

Both cases are among a string of company transfers such as the closure of a Scottish chocolate factory by Nestle, which is moving to Newcastle and Dijon, and plans by Grundig to shift a television (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP) plant from France to Austria.

they own, as well as the invitation will shed an additional 9,000 jobs to buy more Zeneca stock in the over the next three years at a cost rights issue, which will be one of of £300 million in severance pay-

Britain's biggest ever, The exceptional charge of £949 million breaks new ground even liabilities and write-downs. for ICI, long seen as one of the chemical industry's most aggres- will have to be restructured or

ments. Also included are factory shutdowns, discharge of pollution

sive cost cutters. It will cover a closed earlier than in the past as we ICI stockholders will get one restructuring program that, simply cannot afford to carry pas-Zeneca share for each ICI share among other things, will mean ICI sengers," said Ronnie Hampel, the

ICI's 1992 operating profit on sales of just £12 billion was £565. million. That profit represented a 28 percent drop from the previous year but was broadly in line with market estimates for what was widely seen as the worst year for the chemicals industry in more than a decade. Nonetheless, Sir Denys referred to the result as "not at all a satisfactory outcome."

Almost all of ICI's profit last year came from its pharmaceuticals divi-sion. Even there, profit fell to £494 million from £538 million in 1991.

It will be the pharmaceuticals business, as Zeneca, that will be re-sponsible for raising funds to fatten the financial cushion for the chemicals businesses that will be left behind in the new ICL businesses that are expected to face a few more quarters of dire operating condi-tions. As Sir Denys put it, "A child has to do some repaying to its parent for all the help it has gotten."

Zeneca, although far smaller than the new ICI, will shoulder half the burden of paying next year's dividend. That dividend was set Thurs-day at not less than 27.5 pence a share for each of the two companies, a amount that equals the current year's dividend for the group.

Much of the criticism over Zeneca's rights issue has centered on the bearing the pharmaceuticals industry as a whole has taken in the stock market in recent weeks. David Barnes, who will be Zeneca's new chief executive, dismissed market concerns that health reform programs in the United States would be injurious to the wellbeing of drug companies. He noted that the

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Shell Gains Despite Currency Fiasco

LONDON - Although smart-

ing from the currency-trading losses of its Japanese subsidiary, Royal Dutch/Shell Group reported Thursday an 8 percent increase in net income for last year.

The British-Dutch concern, the biggest European company, also warned it would have to persist in cost-cutting and asset sales because of a tough world oil market. Shell earned £3.12 billion (\$4.48

billion) last year, up from £2.89 billion in 1991. On a historic-cost basis; which includes gains on oil inventories, income rose 27.5 per- only an associate, not a full-blown cent, to £3.06 billion. Revenue fell 5.3 percent, to £55.03 billion. Sir Peter Holmes, chairman of

said he thought the concern did "pretty well" in 1992. But at a press conference following the release cals but on currencies.

\$1 billion by betting in the futures currently a Shell pension fund market that the dollar would rise manager in London.

against the yen. Those losses Thursday resulted in the resignations of four top executives of the company, Japan's leading oil refiner and distributer, and the firing of a fifth.

Shell previously said the currency losses would slice £131 million out of its 1992 earnings, and on Thursday it revealed an additional loss of £65 million would fall in the first quarter of this year.

Noting that Showa Shell in Japan had built up positions in the foreign-exchange futures markets totaling \$6.4 billion, Shell executives stressed the company was subsidiary, and that the currency speculation had been completely unauthorized. "It was a gross conthe British part of the company - travention of established rules and WAS (concealed," said John Jennings, a

Shell group managing director.

The company said it was review the results, most of the questions ing its relationships with its asso-centered not on oil, gas or chemiwill get more than a review from its Over the weekend, Showa Shell half owner, it will next month get a Sekiyu, half-owned by Royal new director of financial affairs in Dutch/Shell, revealed it lost about the person of Neil Gascell, who is

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MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Referring to the version dated February 5, 1992, the following

(b) securities admitted to official listing in a recognized stock

Regarding transactions on financial futures and options other

than for hedging purposes, the current restrictions are as follows:

the Fund may only purchase and sell futures contracts and options on any kind of financial instruments which are quoted

on a stock exchange or another regulated market which is

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financial futures and options purchased or sold must not,

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writing of call and put options on transferable securities,

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for which a Sub-Fund has adequate coverage are not considered for the calculation of the aggregate amount of the

- the aggregate amount of premiums paid for the acquisition of call and put options outsdanding which are referred to herein,

may not, together with the aggregate of the premiums paid for the acquisition of call and put options on transferable

securities, exceed 15% of the net assets of the respective Sub-

- for the purposes of the above, the commitment arising from

futures contracts is deemed equal to the underlying net

financial instruments (after setting off all sale positions against

purchase positions), without taking into account the respective

maturity dates; the commitment deriving from options purchased and written is equal to the aggregate of the exercise

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net assets of each relevant Sub-Fund. This commission, with a

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ARTICLE 13 - MANAGEMENT FEE (modifications)

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Nonetheless, for a company that ness, and none whatsoever on the reported income of more than £3 chemicals side. What good news billion, the financial pain of Showa there was to be found last year came Shell was easily forgotten. It was chiefly from expanding markets in made even more so, ironically, by Asia and Laun America. an accounting change that gave Shell a £149 million credit on its Showa Shell stake last year.

Sir Peter summed up the business climate faced by his company last year as "tough one to make money in." In spite of the rise in net income, he noted that only marginal im-provement in the oil and gas busi-

In chemicals, Shell reported its first loss in a decade, a downturn blamed on overcapacity, particu-larly in Europe. Peter Vogtlander, Shell's chemicals coordinator, said that the fact that many inefficient plants were state owned prevented them from being shut down and thus easing the overcapacity.

— ERIK IPSEN

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THE SHEPHEARD HOTEL

The Egyptian Hotels Company, an affiliated company of the Tourism Holding Company, owned by the Government of Egypt, announces the proposed divestiture of the Shepheard Hotel.

The hotel owes its name to the original historic hotel which was first built in 1841, before it was removed to its present location. It enjoys a prime 3,500 square meter site on the Nile only minutes from Cairo's main business and commercial centre and has been substantially renovated during the past few years.

The hotel, which is a fifteen story building with 264 rooms and 28 suites is currently operated by Helnan Company under a long term management agreement.

Parties interested in this unique opportunity may obtain necessary information describing the assets for sale, on writing to the financial agent name below, stating in full their activities, legal and financial status and source of funds.

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OTC Issues Survive Amgen's Plunge

MARKET DIARY

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose Thursday as a late round of computer-driven buy orders buoyed prices and an upturn in Treasury bond yields failed to dampen investors' appetite for shares.

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

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age gained 8.64 to 3,365.14, extending Wednesday's 33.23-point gain. Advancing common stocks outweighed decliners by a margin of 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with more than 250 million shares

changing hands on the Big Board.
"There has been a tendency in the last few days for people to get invested in stocks again, even though yields were up a little bit today," said Philip Smyth, a market analyst at the research firm Bir-

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond slipped after a Demo-cratic congressman said the Feder-at Reserve's independence ought to be reduced if Fed officials do not go along with President Bill Clinton's economic plan. The long bond was down 2/32 in late trading

"There's also a good feeling the Nasdaq market survived Amgen," Mr. Smyth said.

The Nasdaq Composite Index rose 4.61 to 667.07 even though Amgen Inc., the most actively traded U.S. stock, plunged 91/4 to 37. Most of the fall had already been foreshadowed in after-hours trading Wednesday, when the biotechnology company said it expected first-quarter earnings to fall as much as 15 percent below Wall Street estimates of 60 cents a share.

The Amgen statement prompted Wall Street analysts to temper their optimism about the group and trig-gered declines in shares of other biotech companies. Drug stocks have also been falling on concern about government efforts to con-

trol medical costs. Synergen Inc. eased 1/4 to 141/4, Chiron Corp. went down 1/2 to 481/4 and Cytogen was off ¾ to 14. Among other stocks, Eastman Kodak jumped 2% to 53% amid positive investor reaction to a dinner

meeting between analysts and Kodak's new chief financial officer, Christopher Steffen, on Wednesday. Chrysler rose % to 38%. The automaker said it planned to in-crease production of natural-gas

Views on U.S. Growth Lift Dollar Against Mark

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — The dollar rose almost a pfennig against the Deut-sche mark on Thursday amid speculation the U.S. Commerce Department would raise previous estimates for fourth-quarter economic growth on Friday, traders said.

The dollar rose to 1.6345 DM from 1.6260 DM on Wednesday, but was a little lower against the yen, at 117.37 yen after 117.60. The

Foreign Exchange

dollar also gained to 5.5510 French francs from 5.5200 francs and to 1.5175 Swiss francs from 1.5060 francs. The pound rose to \$1.4320 from \$1.4310.

"If we see more than 4.5 percent growth in the GDP number tomorrow, the dollar probably will move higher," said Jack Stapleton, senior corporate dealer at Standard Chartered Bank PLC.

The GDP growth rate was originally reported as 3.8 percent, but Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said this week that an upward revision was

likely. Weaker European demand for the mark also helped the dollar gain against the German currency on Thursday, said Thomas Benfer. senior marketing representative at the Bank of Montreal.

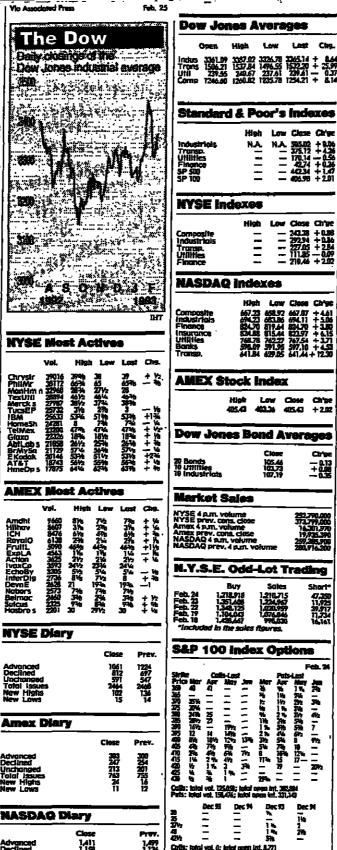
Meantime, the dollar was lower against the yen, but only very slightly, ahead of a meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations this weekend in London. The G-7 finance ministers had a get-acquainted session Thursday in Washington, but had nothing to say afterward before flying off to

The dollar fell to a record low 115.85 yen last Monday amid speculation that G-7 ministers would push for a stronger Japanese currency to curb Japan's trade surplus.

The dollar probably will gain against the yen if G-7 ministers stay tight-lipped about bolstering the Japanese currency, traders said. The dollar jumped against the yen on Wednesday after Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the G-7 ministers would not issue a policy statement on exchange rates.

Without a statement from the ministers, the dollar will rebound to as high as 120 before testing record lows again soon, said Mr. Stapleton of Standard Chartered.

But Mr. Benfer at Bank of Montreal said, "I wouldn't be surprised if some of the G-7 participants said they were pleased with the yen's strength," even though Mr. Bentsen and others have ruled out a



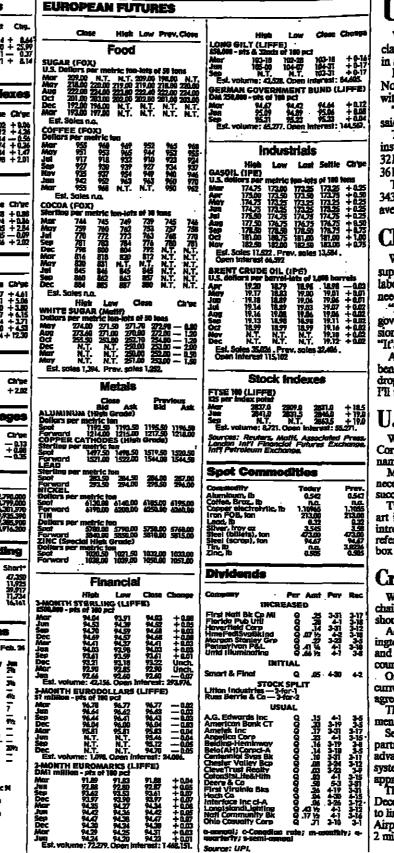
Nikko Faces U.S. Lawsuit

WASHINGTON - U.S. stock market regulators charged the U.S. subsidiary of Japan's Nikko Securities Co., in a federal civil lawsuit on Thursday with filing inaccurate documents that did not properly report \$18 million in trading losses.

The Securities and Exchange Commission had charged the U.S. subsidiaries of all of Japan's Big Four brokerages with violating securities laws.

Three of the firms, without admitting or denying wrongdoing, settled with the SEC and agreed to pay fines ranging from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

The SEC also announced that one of the three firms that settled — the U.S. unit of Daiwa Securities Co. - settled additional charges for a role in the 1991 Salomon Inc. government bond auction scandal.



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U.S. Jobless Claims Gain

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans filing initial claims for jobless benefits rose slightly in mid-February, the first advance in a month the in a month, the government said Thursday.

Despite the one-week increase, said Robert G. Dederick, economist at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, "claims are running at rates consistent with continuing moderate gains in employment." If think there will be slow but steady improvement in the job market.

"I think there will be slow but steady improvement in the 100 market." said Norman Robertson, a private economist in Pittsburgh.

The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment insurance totaled 325,000 during the week ended Feb. 13, up from 321,000 a week earlier. It was the first increase since claims rose 1,000, to 361,000 during the week ended Inc. 16

The four-week moving average of new claims fell to 334,500 from 361,000, during the week ended Jan. 16. 343,500, the third straight decline and the lowest level since the 327,250 average for the period that ended Sept. 30, 1989.

Clinton Hints at Tobacco Taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton sought to shore up support Thursday for his economic package by showcasing business and labor leaders who back it, then hinted that higher tobacco taxes could be

needed to offset soaring health-care costs. I think we are spending a ton of money in private insurance and government tax payments to deal with the health-care problems occasioned by health habits, and particularly smoking. Mr. Clinton said.

Asked whether he had scrapped plans for a new tax on health-care "It's costing us a lot of money." benefits, Mr. Clinton said, "I haven't picked any tax up so how could I drop it? You can't drop something you didn't pick up. If I pick something I'll tall was."

U.S. Rejects a 'Windows' Trademark

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has rejected Microsoft Corp.'s application to make the word "Windows" a trademark for the name of its best-selling computer software, the agency said Thursday. Microsoft vowed to fight the decision in administrative appeals and, if necessary, in the courts. "It is important; Windows is one of our most successful products," said Anne Rupley, a company spokeswoman. Trademark regulators found that the word "windows" was a term of art in the computer industry that was already in use when Microsoft

art in the computer industry that was already in use when Microsoft introduced its product in 1983. In computer talk, the word "windows" refers to a program that allows the user to call up information in a small box on the screen, without having to clear what is already on the screen,

Crandall Calls for Aviation Policy

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - Robert L. Crandalli chairman of American Airlines Inc., said Thursday that the United States should adopt a new international aviation policy based on three tenets,
Addressing the International Aviation Club, Mr. Crandall said Washington should agree to remove limitations on foreign flight operations
and foreign investments in U.S. airlines only if the governments of countries in which those carriers were based adopted similar measures. On the other hand, he said. America should be prepared to correct current imbalances by vigorous renegotiation of international aviation

agreements including, where necessary, renunciation of these agreements.

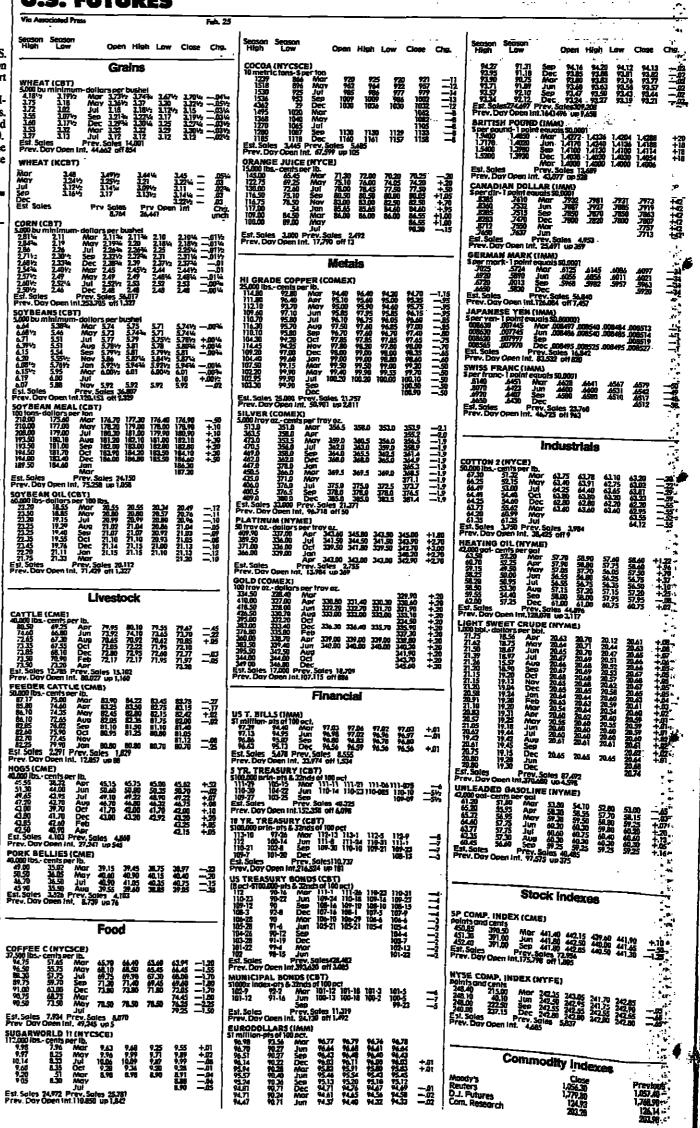
The third tenet of the new policy, he said, should be vigorous enforcement of carrent bilateral aviation agreements.

Separately, American said it would "reluctantly" comply with a Department of Justice consent decree that prohibits carriers from giving advance notice of fare changes through their computerized reservation. systems. But American vowed to continue fighting the decree, which, if

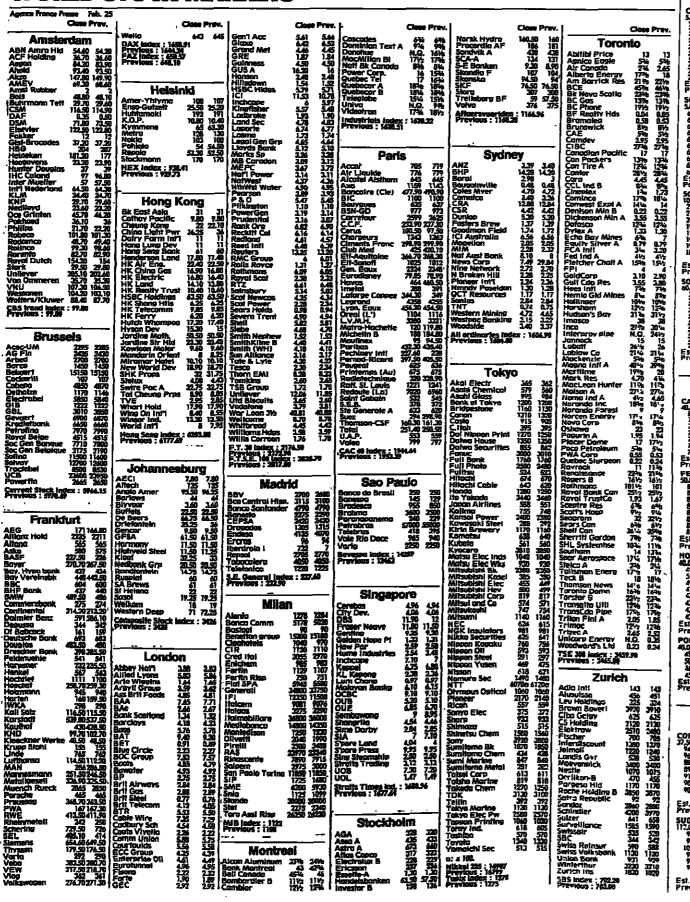
approved by the court, will be in effect 10 years.

The decree grew out of a Justice Department antitrust suit filed last December, charging the airlines with illegally fixing prices by conspiring to limit fare competition. They did so, the government charged, through Airport Tariff Publishing Co., which compiles and distributes as many as million changes a day to travel agency reservations systems. (Bloom berg, NYT)

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due on May 18 was essential for the

bank's 1993 prospects.

Denmark's top 20 shares fell almost 30 percent last year, with most of the fall registered after the

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Copenhagen bourse at the end of 1992, the bank said, apparently referring to its stake in the Danish insurer Hafnia Holding A/S.

The 1992 result was also burdened by extraordinary items of 513 million kroner in connection

Danske Bank's core banking op-erations generated a profit of 3.6

billion kroner before loan-loss pro-

visions, up from 3.2 billion in 1991. Denmark's third-biggest bank,

Sparekassen Bikuben, reported a

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Bonn Warns France On 'Fortress Europe' By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

BONN — Angered by France's stubborn stand on bananas and The Ruble

other agricultural trade matters, Germany sent increasingly strong signals this week that it is fed up with its neighbor's "Fortress

Regarding the six-year-old Uruguay Round of trade talks, Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said, "We have reached a point where our view does not always coincide with that of France."

"We have shown solidarity with France, which we know has serious problems, up to the point of self-denial," he said Thursday in serious problems, up to the point of self-denial, "he said Inursiday in an interview with the German daily Die Welt. "Now it is up to France to show solidarity with Germany, which is especially dependent on free trade." By problems, he was referring to French parliamentary elections next month in which the ruling Socialists are expected to be toppled from power.
On Tuesday, Chancellor Helmut Kohl also criticized France for

taking an increasingly hostile line toward GATT, saying Germany would not participate in the construction of a Fortress Europe.

"No one should harbor any illusions that anything might be gained by building a fortress mentality or an isolationist policy," Mr. Kohl said. "Advantages may be obtained in the short term but if you consider the overall view you will always find that the balance is

Mr. Kohl was responding to a statement by President François Mitterrand of France, who had said last week that the European Community "must help France to bear the shock of the importation of thousands of items which come from Southeast Asia. Let us organize ourselves in Europe and with Europe establish protection

for our production." But the Germans are particularly irked by a French-inspired European Community plan to impose restrictive quotas and tariffs on bananas imported from Central America. Germans are the

world's biggest per-capita consumers of bananas.

"We cannot let the protectionist stance that showed up in the banana regulations spread into any other areas," Mr. Kinkel said, noting that the proposed banana regime would wreak havoc with some banana-dependent Central American economies.

Mr. Kinket also described as "unacceptable" a warning by Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy that France would use its veto if ministers of the European Community were asked to approve a draft agreement with the United States on oilseeds.

Mr. Kinkel said the only hope of frustrating protectionist tendencies was for "France to renounce the step that would provoke a trade war between the European Community and United States."

French Wine Exports Fall For First Time in 20 Years

PARIS - French exports of wines and spirits fell in 1992 for the first time in 20 years as recession battered markets.

- Exports fell 1.5 percent to 34.2 billion francs (\$6.2 billion) overall, while wine exports dropped 2.9 percent and champagne sales abroad tumbled 9.3 percent, the French wines and spirits exporters' federation said on Thursday.

The prospects for 1993 "seem to be a repetition of the mediocre year in 1992," said Claude Taittinger, the champagne producer.

Producers who had previously capitalized on Britain's burgeoning taste for wine were hit by a sharp drop in the value of the pound since last September. They also lost 6.9 percent of the German market, once the most lucrative in the world.

The most flourishing market was the United States, where exports grew by 17.6 percent. However, that could change as the United States threatens to impose punitive import duties on white wine if France resists a world trade accord under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. granted Moscow last year.

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Russians Consider Repegging

MOSCOW — Russia's central bank is prepared to sacrifice free-market principles and reintroduce a fixed exchange rate for the ruble to protect it from speculators and soaring inflation. Interfax news agency reported on Thursday.

The agency said it had obtained a draft document on bank policy that read, in part: "The Bank of Russia is ready to propose the in-troduction of a fixed ruble rate

from April 1, 1993." The document has been sent to parliament for discussion but not vet distributed to deputies.

The ruble has nosedived from 162.6 to the dollar last August to a record low of 593 Thursday on the Moscow Interbank Currency change, as investors seek the U.S. currency as a hedge against rampant inflation. Large-scale inter-vention on the market by the Bank of Russia has had little effect.

The ruble hit 418 to the Deutsche mark on Wednesday, down from 340 at the previous trading session.

The ruble was floated on the interbank exchange last July as the first step to convertibility. The measure was part of wide-ranging re-

forms to create a market economy. The exchange accounts for just 4 percent of hard-currency sales in Russia but is of key importance, since the bank uses the rate at the exchange's sessions to set its own

The bank document said, however, that the Moscow exchange was too vulnerable to speculation.

"This makes the floating ruble rate an unsuitable instrument for transferring foreign currency into rubles in commercial and fiscal transactions," it said. The bank said it proposed to fix

its buying and selling rates based on rates on currency exchanges, commercial bank rates, the national balance of payments, money supply and the buying power of the ruble for different commodities.

The bank would intervene to reset the value of the ruble if the rates established by banks or exchanges approached the floor or the ceiling. The bank said the plan could

work only if enough hard currency were made available on the market and it suggested using \$1 billion from a stabilization fund that the International Monetary Fund

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Den Danske Slides Into Loss

Danske Bank A/S joined the ranks of Scandinavia's unprofitable banks on Thursday, but said it saw improvements already this year.

"Continued cost containment

As Loss Widens Amid Recession

GOTHENBURG, Sweden — SKF AB, the Swedish ball-bearing maker, reported Thursday a loss of

about 1.8 billion kronor from 221 million in 1991, paving the way for the first default in the payout to shareholders since 1923.

Continuing recession in the company's main European markets led to a sharp decline in automobile output and hence demand for SKF's ball-bearings and seals.

The weakening market led to a fourth-quarter deficit alone of 1.42 billion kronor.

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turn, SKF said it had secured new contracts, including wheel-bearing units equipped with a sensor for General Motors' new Opel Vectra. SKF took a one-time 1.1 billion

loan-loss provisions rose only mar-ginally, to 2,94 billion kroner.

and measures to bring down provi-sions are moving profits in the right direction," said the managing di-

Danske Bank, known for its con- Soerensen stressed that 1992 had

SKF Halts Payout

1.78 billion kronor (\$226 million) for 1992 and scrapped its dividend for the first time in 70 years. SKF had prepared the stock market by predicting in December that its 1992 loss would widen to

"The 1992 year closed rather weakly and the new year began equally weakly," said a company spokesman, Lars Malmer, "It looks now as if 1993 could also become a Despite the car-industry down-

kronor charge in 1992 for restruc-turing, which entails the loss of 4,000 jobs, and said a further 1,000 jobs would disappear next year.

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Although Danish banks proba-

bly will not need to seek state bai-

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have already done, Danske's Mr.

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is viewed as vital

been an exceptionally bad year.

He said a 1.4 billion kroner de-

cline in the value of the bank's stock portfolio - which suffered

because of low economic growth

and the Danish "no" to the European Community's Maastricht

for the bank.

Danish referendum

Danske has been hit by big loan losses caused by economic recssion, falling property, share and bond prices and an insurance-secty in a second Danish referendum ty in a second Danish referendum Rewers
COPENHAGEN — Den

Denmark's biggest bank reported a swing to a loss of 1.74 billion Danish kroner (\$279 million) for 1992, from a 1.34 hillion kroner profit the year before, but stock analysts were encouraged that

rector, Knud Soerensen, in a 1993 outlook predicting slightly lower Analysts have forecast that

servative lending policies and re-garded as the healthiest of the ma-Nordic banks despite the 1992 loss, will return to a net profit of around I billion kroner this year. Like all major Nordic banks,

British Gas PLC said net profit fell 51 percent to £234 million (\$336 million) in the fourth quarter of 1992 and that 3,200 jobs would be cut in

addition to 1,200 cuts announced in January.

Audi AG said it was considering cutting about 9,000 jobs from its work

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Iberia said it would propose a wage freeze in 1993 in order to save an estimated 8 billion pesetas (\$68 million).

 Repsol SA said it was preparing for the state to sell 6.6 percent of its 54.5 percent stake in late March or April.

force of 37,000 by 1997.

Russia has extended until Sunday a deadline for Ukraine to pay its bills

to Russian natural-gas producers or have its supply cut off; Russia said Ukraine owed 165 billion rubles (\$286 million) in back payments.

 Westdentsche Landesbank Girozentrale said operating profit rose 25 percent to 1.16 billion Deutsche marks (\$718 million) in 1992, due partly to inclusion of results from a housing finance agency acquired last year.

Mövennick Holding AG said it posted a nonconsolidated profit of 9.5 million Swiss francs (\$6.35 million) in 1992, after reporting a loss of 3.6 million francs in 1991. It cited solid financial earnings, license income

 Snecma's chairman, Gérard Renon, said the jet-engine maker would post a 1992 loss of around 600 million French francs (\$109.25 million). roughly double the loss suffered in the first half, and would make further losses in 1993 and probably in 1994.

Paris Should Seek Reform Of EC Grid, Says Soros

PARIS - France must take the initiative to reform Europe's exchange-rate mechanism because it is the main victim of the monetary storm blowing across the continent, George Soros, the

billionaire financier, said Thursday.

Mr. Soros, who made almost \$1 billion by betting against the pound before its forced exit from the exchange-rate mechanism in September, told the French daily Le Figaro that the only way to preserve the European Community was to recognize that the mechanism had broken down and to plan a new one.

"It is important to find a solution before Europe, and France in particular, plunges into depression," he said.

Mr. Soros said sticking to a strong-franc policy simply for the sake of the European union goal was counterproductive.

IC1: Clearing Decks for Breakup

rating than Zeneca as a stand-alone

Although Mr. Barnes conceded

that Zeneca's profits had suffered

after the patent expiration of Ten-ormin, the heart drug that was its

leading profit maker, he pointed

ny's total drug sales still managed

company was at pains to claim that

it had more promising drugs under development than at any time in the last 20 years. Still, analysts sug-gest that ICI might have been well

advised to wait until some of those

drugs had proven themselves be-fore trying to raise £1.3 billion.

On the chemicals side of the business, the story sketched by ICI

up by the second half of the year

o rise last year. Beyond that, the

out that in spite of that, the compa-

entity is expected to have.

(Continued from first finance page) industry had survived many such

jittery moments in the past. "I remain confident that this is the time to go," said Mr. Barnes of the split and its ensuing cash call. Analysts, however, expressed disappointment that ICI had chosen to raise money under the banner of eneca, given that the existing ICI

PLC enjoys a far higher market

ARGOSY:

Gambling Stock (Continued from first finance page)

was similarly hopeful. Sir Denys insisted that the markets for indusassets, and the total capital expenditure will be about \$35 million. trial chemicals should be turning But at the offering price of \$19 a share, the stock market was valuing the company at \$462 million. That But many outsiders suggest that ICI may be anticipating things a bit, that the chemicals recovery will figure is now about \$407 million, with the \$16.75 price being about likely wait until next year. 55 times last year's pro forma earnings of \$7.4 million, or 36 cents a

Those earnings could grow, of course, as the new riverboat begins service, and the company hopes to expand to Louisiana and Missouri. But this spring it will face competition from a new riverboat, situated closer to St. Louis, and several more competitors are on the way. "There can be no assurance the company will be able to compete successfully," is the way the pro-

spectus puts it. There is one more factor that shareholders might want to consider. The company says that the ac-commodation fee may have caused it to run aloul of certain tax provisions dealing with the question of whether the \$5 million loan for which the fee was paid was really a

Argosy says it thinks it could win a court fight over the issue, but decided against seeking a legal opinion before the offering. If it loses, the company will owe \$10

All of this was disclosed in the prospectus, but gambling stocks were hot at the time of the offering. No doubt the insiders hope Argosy will be successful for many years to come. But it is clear that they will be big winners even if Argosy fails.

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(additions taking effect on April 1, 1993)

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Moody's May Cut Italy's Credit Rating

MILAN — Italy, which is tottering on the edge of recession and has been battered by weeks of political uncertainty and corruption scandals, received a bitter blow on Thursday when a U.S. rating agency warned it might cut Rome's credit rating.

The news came as a cold shower to financial markets just as they were beginning to pick up again when Prime Minister Giuliano Amato's shaky coalition survived a vote of confidence

on Thursday in parliament. Moody's Investors Services said the review was due to the uncertain political outlook, the ear-long string of corruption scandals that had shaken Italy and continued wornes about the state of the country's budget deficit.

"Current income and expenditure trends imply that future deficits may continue to grow as a percentage of GDP," Moody's said.

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Economists were surprised by the announce-ment and questioned if it was the best way to reward Mr. Amato, whose tough austerity program has won him praise from bankers.

Considering what Amato represents and has tried to achieve it's a pretty staggering decision," said a senior economist at a major

Currency dealers worried that a further downgrading of Italy's credit rating would throw the lira past the psychologically important 1,000 level against the Deutsche mark. The news that Moody's was considering cut-

ting Italy's credit rating from its present Aa3 was a blow for Mr. Amato, who has struggled to reestablish Italy's credibility in the eyes of the A cut in the credit rating on Italy's foreign-currency debt would oblige it to offer higher interest rates when borrowing money.

Italy is the only member of the Group of Seven industrialized nations not to have the

top-notch AAA rating.
Political analysts said the news would deal setback to Italy's image on financial markets, which has already been weakened by uncertainty over the future of the four-party governing

The report instantly put the lira under pressure, throwing the Italian currency back to 971 against the mark, from 964 shortly before.

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Counting Cost of First City

Collapse Deflates Bangkok's Ambitions

City Investment, one of Thailand's high-profile finance companies, collapsed under a pile of bad debts last week, a little piece of the Thai dream went down

Few Thai investment firms were so emblematic of the country's turbo-charged economy dur-ing the late 1980s as First City. It was one the hottest speculative stocks. And its controlling family had strong ties to Thailand's po-litical and financial elite.

Now, the financial community is sorting through the wreckage after depositors rushed to withdraw their money from First City, forcing regulators to shut it down. When the Bank of Thailand takes over First City next month, the cost of cleaning up the mess could run as high as 10 billion baht (\$400 million), ana-

More damaging still is the blow to Bangkok's aspirations to become the leading financial center for Indochina. Alleged lapses by Thai regulators in handling the First City affair have some calling for heads to roll. A major target of criticism is the governor of the Bank of Thailand, Vijit Sepinit.

Tunagrat Kirtiputra, director of Thai Securities, said the Bank of Thailand had known how troubled First City was since

Mr. Vijit said he had no plans to step aside and has defended the central bank's handling of the matter. Even so, on Feb. 23 he told a parliamentary commit-

First City appears to prove the point. The finance company enloyed rapid growth by steering its deposits into speculative real estate deals and stocks. It was able to attract depositors by offering an interest rate two to three points above the prevailing market rate.

The arrangement worked well enough during the property and stock market booms of the late 1980s, when Thailand's economy

Few investment firms were so emblematic of the turbo-charged

economy. was growing at a double-digit

started to cool in 1991, troubles started to emerge at First City. In mid-1992, a central bank audit of First City revealed that the finance company had rolled up bad debts and had possibly doctored its financial statements. However, these documents were

not released to the public. Complicating matters was the firm's political clout. First City's controlling shareholder is Patcharee Wongpaitoon, the daughter of a former deputy prime minister, Bhichi Rattakul. He is also a founder of the ruling Thai Democrat Party.

When First City's woes tee looking into the case that emerged late last year, the cen-

BANGKOK — When First ity Investment, one of Thailand banks and finance firms.

Current laws are probably insufficient to regulate commercial bank and the Ministry of Finance tried to orchestrate a banks and finance firms. bailout plan in secret. Both parties approached Bangkok Bank, the nation's largest, about ac-quiring a stake in the troubled firm. The bank declined.

Small investors were kept in the dark last November, while bailout talks were under way. First City's stock, which climbed steadily to a high of 152 baht on Nov. 6, fell to 46.25 baht by the

end of the month. Had they known about the difficulties at First City, some investors might have avoided big losses. The finance company's stock was suspended last week at

Some critics wonder if the company's political ties kept regulators from publicly airing First City's troubles. So far, no formal charges have been brought against the company's top man-agement, despite allegations that they altered First City's financial

The First City scandal also raised questions about the Securities Exchange Act, which was approved last May. The regulations were supposed to boost confidence in the Thai financial system. The law created a powerful Securities Exchange Commission, similar to the one in the United States. However, the SEC failed to catch on to the prob-

lems at First City. In the aftermath of First City, seems certain there will be plenty of finger-pointing in the months ahead. And until the case is resolved, Bangkok's financial-center ambitions may

More Cuts Foreseen at All Nippon

TOKYO — All Nippon Airways Co., which is planning to make its first-ever closures of international routes, will have to cut more routes to stay profitable, an airline analyst

said on Thursday.

ANA on Wednesday said it would discontinue four routes to Asia and Europe and reduce flights on two important routes to the United States.

ANA plans to increase flights on three popular routes in Asia but the overall changes will leave ANA's international operations smaller. The airline's international operations have not been profitable since

the carrier began its first overseas flights in 1986. Passenger revenues are falling because travelers are buying cheap er seats and making shorter trips in tough economic times, said Daniel O'Keefe, an airline analyst at Merrill Lynch Securities. With the market not expected to rebound before next year, ANA has to retrench to

They're making hard decisions but in the long run there's nothing else they can do," said Mr. O'Keefe. "There's a very good possibility you'll see more cuts."

Daewoo Net Soaring

Shipbuilding Sends

SEOUL — Soaring profit from shipbuilding operations helped 1992 net profit jump by a factor of 10 at Daewoo Group, South Ko-rea's fourth-largest conglomerate

announced Thursday.

The company posted a net profit of 298.2 billion won (\$374.9 million) for the year, up from 28.4 billion in 1991. Despite a domestic economic

30 percent rise in sales in 1993, to 26.04 trillion won, and an 11 percent increase in exports to \$7 billion.

Daewoo, which has 22 subsidiaries, posted combined revenue of 19.98 trillion won last year, up from 16 trillion the year before.

Group exports in 1992 totaled \$6,29 billion, representing 8.2 percent of South Korea's total exports of \$76.63 billion. Net profit for Daewoo Shipbuilding & Heavy Machinery Ltd. accounted for nearly 70 percent of

total profit in 1992. "Huge profit rises by the ship-building arm contributed to the bulk of the group's profit increase," said Kim Sung Ho, general manager of Daewoo Securities.

The unit earned 211 billion won in taxed profit last year, up from 78.99 billion won in 1991 and a loss of 39.8 billion in 1990.

Coca-Cola Will Build More Plants in China

stable labor relations were the ma-jor reasons for our profit improvement," said Lee In Sung, director of Daewoo Shipbuilding. In September 1989, the govern-

ment pledged to extend 400 billion won in new and rolled-over loans to bail out the shipbuilder, battered by huge debt and by labor strikes, but on condition that it took steps to get into shape.

slowdown, the company predicted a Analysts said the company was no longer afflicted by strikes and had diversified into new fields, including car assembly, information processing, marine engineering and submarine construction.

"The construction and electronics divisions performed well," the company said. "Business expansion into overseas countries as a result of developing new markets was also a reason behind the big

Reflecting growing protection-ism abroad and soaring domestic production costs, Daewoo opened new units last year in Southeast Asia, Vietnam, Russia and China as well as in the European Community and the United States.

Daewoo Corp., the trading and construction arm, posted a 40.3 billion won net profit in 1992, against 30.15 billion won in 1991.

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 Japan Air System Co. said it would not pay a dividend for the year to March and predicted a 5 billion yen (\$42.7 million) loss, wider than an earlier 2 billion yen forecast; Tokyu Corp. owns 25.5 percent of the airline. Hansol Paper Manufacturing Co., South Korea's biggest newsprint maker, said its profit soured 90.1 percent, to 9.8 billion won (\$12.3

million), last year, boosted by an expansion into wood-free and art paper. China Airlines resumed use of two MD-11 airplanes after McDonnell Douglas Corp. and United Technologies Inc. checked the jets in response to complaints about problems with their engines.

Singapore is expected to cut personal and corporate taxes in its budge for the upcoming fiscal year, to be presented Friday.

• Evergreen Marine Corp. earned 2.8 billion Taiwan dollars (\$108.) million) in 1992, up from 2.25 billion a year earlier, but sales fell 4.7 percent, to 30.1 billion dollars.

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what it hopes may become one of its largest markets. would invest \$150 million in China over five years. He The deal with the Chinese government will enable said the expansion would enable Coca-Cola to pro-

New York Times Service

Coca-Cola Co. signed an agreement Thursday in Beijing to build or upgrade 10 bottling plants in the interior of China, a deal that will help Coca-Cola build

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Powers Keep Falling As Kentucky Is Upset

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee — Tennessee never got a chance to draw up a play to beat No. 2 Kentucky, which was probably just as well. It's hard to plan a miracle.

With 4.9 seconds left and his team down by 77-74, Tennessee's Allan Houston was fouled. He made the first free throw to make it 77-75, but another point would not have helped.

So, in the basketball version of a Hail Mary pass, he missed the second one and hoped. Tennessee's Jermaine Brown flashed down the lane and tipped it. It rimmed out, but Corey Allen rebounded, scored, got fouled and made

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

the free throw with 1.5 seconds left to give the Vols an improbable 78-77 victory over the Wildcats Wednesday night.

"I didn't want it to bounce too long," Hous-ton said. "I just shot it off center and kind of flat, and got a lucky bounce."

It was a tough loss for the Wildcats, who probably lost a sure move up to the No. 1 ranking in the next poll since top-ranked Indi-ana had been upset the night before. "We haven't been in that many games like

this, and I think it was very good for us even though we came away with the loss," Kentucky coach Rick Pitino said. The Cats had overcome a nine-point halftime deficit to take a 70-64 lead with three minutes

left, but couldn't hold on. The loss dropped Kentucky (20-3, 20-3) into second place in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division behind Vanderbilt, a winner over Georgia. Tennessee improved to 12-13 and

Hurley set a school record with 16 assists as the Blue Devils rolled over Florida State in Durham. North Carolina.

Hurley, who added 16 points, now has 1,019 assists, 20 shy of the NCAA record held by Chris Corchiani of North Carolina State.

Antonio Lang, picking up the slack for in-jured Grant Hill, scored a career-high 17 points as the Blue Devils (21-5, 9-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) broke Florida State's eight-game inning streak.

It was the fifth straight time Duke has beaten an opponent with a higher ranking, dating to lovember 1990.

The Seminoles (21-7, 11-3) fell a half game off the conference lead held by No. 3 North

No. 8 Vanderbilt 87, Georgia 83: Billy McCaffrey scored a career-high 35 points, and his eight straight foul shots in the last 1:46 of overtime led Vanderbilt at Athens, Georgia. The Commodores (22-4, 11-2 Southeastern

Conference) have won five in a row and 11 of 12. Georgia (11-12, 5-8) forced the extra period on Dathon Brown's 3-point basket with six seconds left in regulation. Clemson 76, No. 12 Wake Forest 74: Chris

Whitney starred at both ends of the court,

scoring 20 points and stealing the ball from Rodney Rogers in the final seconds as Clemson Rogers, the ACC's leading scorer, had 27 points. He was setting up for a 3-pointer when Whitney stripped the ball with 3.8 seconds left.

Clemson (13-10, 3-10 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat a ranked team for the first time in 10 tries this season. Wake Forest (17-6, 8-5) lost its



Celtic center Joe Kleine has trouble holding onto the ball under the offensive boards againt Nets' Chris Dudley.

Riley's Ejection Gives Knicks the Motivation

MILWAUKEE - So who needs Pat Riley?

The New York Knicks do most of the time, but Wednesday night they did just fine after the coach was ejected in the fourth quarter.

The Knicks overcame a 13-point deficit in the final period and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 91-90 as John Starks hit a pair of free throws with 2.6 seconds left.

"Whenever the coach gets thrown out of the game you're sup-posed to pick up your play," said

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Starks, who scored 11 of his points

in the last quarter as the Knicks won for the 11th time in 12 games. "It was a good move on Pat Riley to do that. I think it got us fired up. Sometimes a coach does things for

a reason and I think he did that for

The Knicks were called for five technicals, including two on Riley. "I wasn't doing them any good. I was worthless out there," said Riley,

a reason," Starks said.

who departed with the Bucks leading by eight and 9:27 remaining. kee increased the lead to 13 with 6:35 to go and still was ahead by 11

After Riley was tossed, Milwauwith 4:52 remaining. But Starks and Doc Rivers hit 3-pointers and Oakley made a three-point play as the Knicks went on a 14-4 run, pulling within 87-86 with 57 sec-

Warriors 120, Jazz 108: Coach Jerry Sloan was ejected with two minutes remaining, and the lazz, which trailed the entire second half, lost to the Golden State Warriors

for the third time this season, 120-108, in Oakland. Karl Malone, who finished with 23 points and just 7 rebounds, had his second straight subpar game,

Tuesday against Houston. Celtics 103, Nets 88: Reggie Lewis scored 31 points and helped hold Drazen Petrovic to 4-of-14 shooting as Boston won at home to break a four-game losing streak:

following a 15-point performance

Celtic Parish Admits Marijuana Charge -

WALTHAM Massachusetts — Boston Celtics center Robert Parish admitted to possession of marijuana on Thursday. He will have the charge dismissed if his record is clean for six months.

The nine-time All-Star and at 39, the oldest player in the league, waived a jury trial and admitted there were sufficient facts to warrant the charges. the normal procedure for a first-time offender in Massac

New Rules Aim to Curb Costs And Technology in Formula 1

PARIS - Motor racing's ruling bodies are to pressahead with new rules to cut the spiralling cost of Formula One, despite fears of a head-on collision with British team McLaren, officials announced Thursday.

Max Mosley, president of the International Auto Sports Federation or FISA, also announced that the Williams-Renault team will be able to defend its constructors' title this season and that the French Grand Prix will go ahead on July 4.

The moves were announced at a three-way news conference of the umbrella International Automobile Federation, its competition arm FISA, and the Formula One Constructors Association,

"It would have been completely wrong not to have Williams Renault in the championship," Mosley said. The Anglo-French team had failed to make their application for the 1993 season by last November's

deadline and needed the support of smaller teams and then a vote to be included in the new season, which starts at Kyalami, South Africa on March 14. The inclusion of the French Grand Prix also was widely expected after France's motor federation al-

layed fears that the country's anti-tobacco legislation would cause problems for tobacco-sponsored teams. Mosley outlined a series of measures to reduce the costs of the sport for smaller teams from 1993 to 1995. Practice times will be cut this season, along with the

for the spare car will be reduced. Measures planned for 1994 will outlaw sophisticated drivers' aids, such as computers and telemetry, and introduce a single engine per car for an entire event, capable of lasting 600 kilometers (375 miles) instead of 300 kilometers. Both need to be approved by FISA's

world council on March 18. "The elimination of driver aids is not an attack on the technology of a Formula One car," Mosley said. "It is recognition that there are more and more devices to assist the driver - to the point very soon the driver

will have little or no driving function. "We want to stop the driver getting into the car with a computer. It's not Nintendo, it's the Formula One

The moves have been criticized by McLaren, which has made a substantial investment in new technology

But both Mosley and Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone stressed that the new moves did conform to

the so-called Concorde Agreement between teams and motorsport officials, although they were late in being Looking to 1995, Mosley said that FISA was planning rules for stepped-bottom designs, which would allow Formula One cars to race on American oval

circuits, along with refueling regulations and silencing. Mosley said he would like to see Formula One cars competing one day in the Indianapolis 500.

But he said that the immediate issue was to cut the cost of Formula One. "You're going to have to stop it sooner or later, and I believe the sooner we do it, the less money will be

Mosley said new developments would reduce the drivers' input still further, with the computer taking

control of braking and steering. "In five year's time, it'll be possible for a computer to complete a circuit at race speed," he said. "It's getting to the point where people will start just be looking for a 40-kilo (88 pound) drives who can

But he acknowledged that not everyone would welcome FISA's move and that the latest moves would not suddenly make all teams equal.

"The engineers are always unhappy if you take away the toys," he said.

Japanese Hold Off Norway

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FALUN, Sweden — Kenji Ogiwara became a double winner at the World Nordic Ski Championships Thursday, leading Japan to the Nordic combined team title, but Norway appeared unstoppable in the overall standings.

Ogiwara, who won the individual gold medal Friday, anchored the Japanese trio to a 3.46-minute win over Norway. Germany was third.

Ogiwara joined Norwegians Biorn Dahlie and Espen Bredesen as the only double champions among the men. Dahlie won the 30 kilometer and the two-day pursuit in cross-country while Bredesen captured the large-hill ski jumping gold and led Norway to the large-hill team title. Norway, which has rebuilt

its Nordic team to a dominant force ahead of next winter's Olympics in Lillehammer, has swept five golds in the first week of the 11-day festival, winning every men's event except the combined. Meanwhile Thursday, Rus-

sia cruised to a 19.4-second victory over Italy in the women's 4 by 5 kilometer crosscountry relay. (AP, Reuters)

Betting Against the Bulls? You're On!

By Michael Wilbon

Washington Post Service What we want to know about the second half of the National Basketball Association season, which started this week, is:

Will the two-time defending champion Bulls break out of their disturbing habit of playing to the level of opposition? Do the Suns, tho they have the best record in the league, play good enough de-

lense to make the Vantage kind of playoff run Point we all seem to be expecting? Will

the Spurs and Knicks return to earth, facing a string of tough road games? Will the Cavaliers develop enough meanness over the next eight weeks to threaten the Bulls or Knicks in May? Is Seattle lacking anything now that Sam Perkins is aboard? The in thing to do at the moment is to pick

anyone other than the Bulls. Bill Cartwright

and John Paxson are injured, Cilf Levingston

is overseas. Scottie Pippen's ankle has slowed him down noticeably, and Michael Jordan is admittedly tired. Obviously, the Bulls aren't dominating the regular season the way they did a year ago. when they flirted with winning the still unreached total of 70 games before settling for 67.

When the second half started, the Bulls had only the fourth-best record in the league, havto Charlotte and Orlando. And the obsession of their general manager, Jerry Krause, with his own draft choices (like holding onto Stacey King and chasing Toni Kukoc all over Europe at the expense of getting immediate help could cost the Bulls a third consecutive title.

However. The fact is, the Bulls have won every game they've had to win, without exception, this season. Seattle won 18 of its first 19 home games; their only loss was to the Bulls,

before 37,000 in the Kingdome. The Suns are 21-1 at home; their only loss was to the Bulls. and the game wasn't close.

In compiling a league-best record of 18-9 on the road, the Bulls have won at Cleveland, at Utah, at Portland, at the Clippers, at Charlotte, at Orlando, at New Jersey. They took the Spurs to the buzzer in San Antonio before losing. And they lost at New York on Thanksgiving week-end when Jordan got hurt in the first quarter.

This is "in trouble?" The Bulls also get a break in the playoffs because, assuming they finish No. 1 in the Eastern Conference, they'll have to play only the Knicks or the Cavs, not

At the moment, Charles Barkley is the only thing standing in the way of Patrick Ewing and his first Most Valuable Player award. It's in vogue to pick the Knicks because they play the best defense since the Bad Boy Pistons, but their backcourt has to stabilize. What do the past nine NBA champions have

in common? Great and steady guard play. Mag-ic, Dennis Johnson & Danny Ainge, Islah Thomas & Joe Dumars, Jordan & Paxson & Pippen. It's going to take some doing for John Starks, Doc Rivers, Rolando Blackmon and Greg Anthony to step into that company. Ewing, who is having his best all-around season, is dependent on what his backcourt does.

The Cavaliers have the best record in the to, considering their talent. With Brad Daugherty, Mark Price, Craig Ehlo, Larry Nance, Hot Rod Williams and Terrell Brandon, only the Suns are as talented. Danny Ferry gradually is becoming the player we thought he'd be, and Gerald Wilkins is the eighth man.

Problem: no dominant personality, no fierceness. They've shown no willingness whatsoever to knock anybody down in May, which is like sending Pippen and Jordan engraved invita-

probably final chance to overcome Chicago, which could be significant. The Pistons needed three years to overtake the Celtics, as the Bulls did to overtake Detroit.

So, great talent, too nice. Their team massot should be Ernie Banks.

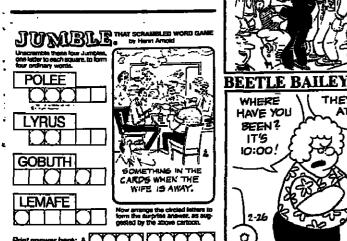
If Miami, with all its talent, doesn't catch Atlanta for the final playoff spot, it ought to be off with Kevin Loughery's head after yet another unimpressive coaching stint. Another in thing to do is pick Charlotte as the Eastern sleeper, which isn't crazy considering the fact that Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning continue to get better every month. But counting on the Muggsy Man to lead a second-half charge is a bit risky. My sleeper is the Nets,

Laugh if you want, but they're better than the Knicks at three out of five starting spots (Kenny Anderson, Drazen Petrovic and Derrick

The Western Conference is twice as compli-cated, especially if the Clippers get Definis Rodman before the trading deadline. Mark Jackson, Ron Harper, Stanley Roberts, Danny Manning and Rodman (Kenny Norman off the bench) is serious, very serious. But so is Seattle with Perkins and Shawn Kemp up front. So is San Antonio, with John Lucas having brought out the best in David Robinson by making him share in the management of the team.

Still, the team to beat in the West is Phoenix. The Suns' problem is allowing opponents 48 percent shooting, which is alarmingly high.
And you wonder if all those three-pointers the Suns are firing now will be available in the postseason (see Terry Porter vs. M. Jordan in the '92 finals). Over the next eight weeks, the Suns, since they don't have a great defender, are going to have to figure out which combinations of players can compensate for defensive deficiencies around the basket.





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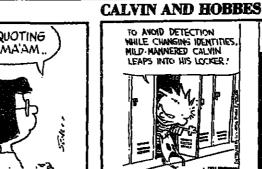
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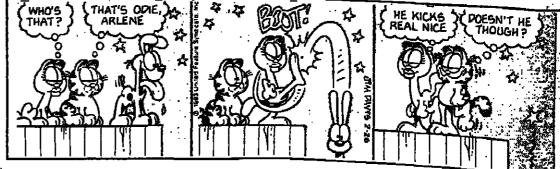
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* The Boss Is Back: A Gentler George For the Yankees?

By Jack Curry

New York Times Service

EW YORK —George Steinbrenner is having fun again. He is in demand again and he is loving it, no matter how valiantly he tries to disguise it. There are still three days left before his two-and-a-half-year baseball suspension ends and he returns to power with the New York Yankees, but it seemed more like four minutes as a busy Steinbrenner hustled around his hotel suite.

The telephone has been ringing incessantly and the appointment book

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The telephone has been ringing incessantly and the appointment book has grown thicker as Monday approaches and the memory of Steinbrenner's \$40,000 payoff to Howard Spira for damaging information on Dave Winfield grows dimmer. Steinbrenner has gradually crawled back into the public eye and his name, face and words have been bounced around New York for fans to remember just who the Boss is. How could they ever forces?

forget?
First, there were the print and broadcast advertisements trumpeting his return, followed by a comical Sports Illustrated cover depicting the 62-year-old Steinbrenner dressed as Napoleon and sitting on a white horse. There were television sound bites and newspaper interviews, and Stein-brenner will christen his return from exile at 12:01 A.M. Monday by appearing live on WFAN-AM all-sports radio for two hours. That just happens to be the radio station that broadcasts Mets games. Yes, Steinbrenner the promoter is back.

Hours after the radio interview, the principal owner will walk, jog or sprint into the Yankees' spring training complex in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to make his grand return as the man in charge of the most storied and most successful franchise in baseball history. Steinbrenner would say only that he would arrive before noon and he would not be dressed like a French emperor or riding a white horse, like the magazine cover, which he said was his way of poking fun at his return. Then he smiled and said

other details of Monday's agenda were confidential.

He hinted that he would like to reduce the role he had previously had as managing partner by funneling more ideas through Joseph Molloy, his son-in-law and the managing partner until Sunday, but his excitable voice revealed how difficult that would be for him. Steinbrenner claimed that he might show a gentler side of his personality this time around and conceded it annoyed him that the Yankees have floundered recently.

"It bothers me a lot that we've slipped," said Steinbrenner, whose

permanent ban was commuted by Commissioner Fay Vincent last July after three Yankee-related lawsuits against baseball were dropped. "I owe something to the fans and to New York. When we don't do well, I take that very personally. The thing that upsets me the most is when New Yorkers feel I'm not doing the job for them. That's no bull. That's the way

Steinbrenner spoke out on numerous topics Wednesday, includin some potential new employees. It is no secret that Steinbrenner would love to bring Reggie Jackson back to New York. He respects the Hall of Fame slugger and it would probably create a new spate of Reggie-George stories to dominate the news. But his fondness for former Yankees has grown to at least three players.

'HEN asked about speculation that he was interested in hiring Jackson, Willie Randolph and Tommy John, he said: 'That's true. There is a lot of truth to that. I wouldn't mind having any of those three in on the decision-making process on personnel and players. I think they're exceptional. Whether they would want to do it full time or not, I don't know."

Already George is confirming Reggie, Willie and T.J. rumors, dreaming about the World Series and making a shrewd promotional move by getting serious air time on the station that broadcasts his major competi-tion. Oh, let's not forget his stint on CNN's Larry King show or the signal he is sending to the Yankees by comparing them to the last major league team to win consecutive World Series, the 1977-78 Yankees.

"This team can be anything it wants to be," Steinbrenner said. "That is how I feel about them. I felt the same way about our teams in the mid-70s. This team can do anything it wants if it wants it bad enough. The ball is squarely in their court."

Pressure? Just a bit. But Steinbrenner is thrilled with the five new players the Yankees obtained, he contended the club has a nice mixture of youth and experience and insisted the pitching staff is the best in years. That may mean the Boss wants immediate results.

give 100 pe expect to win. Maybe I can get that message through to them."

The Yankees should be prepared because Steinbrenner plans to address them Monday about tradition and dedication. Although Steinbrenner said he would ask Buck Showalter for permission to speak with the players, does he really think his manager will say no? So Steinbrenner, brimming with ideas on player diets, ways to reduce back stress and increase intensity after watching oaseball on television for two and half years, said he has plenty to offer. And he is anxious to extrapolate. Rick

Joyner-Kersee, Christie to Miss Indoor Championships Cerone sent him a bathrobe with "The Boss Is Back" inscribed across it as · a Christmas gift and Steinbrenner has turned it into his own Yankee uniform by wearing it every day.

"T'm going to work to see if we can cover the little details to give us an advantage," Steinbrenner said. "If you take care of the little details, the

bigger things take care of themselves."

The bigger things, Steinbrenner is certainly expecting bigger things, like increased attendar a more exposure for the Yankees, more exposure for him and maybe, jus .naybe, some late season excitement at Yankee Stadimn. Steinbreuner would probably keep talking about it into Octo-

"This isn't D-Day and I've been trying to keep it light," Steinbrenner said, "But I've been set upon by the media. I don't mind that I kind of feel good about that. At least someone cares that I'm coming back."



Barry Bonds showed the swing that made him baseball's top-paid player as the Giants began training. transition players even though they

Young a 'Franchise' Pick In NFL's Free Agency

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The San Francisco 49ers decided to name quarterback Steve Young as their "franchise" player on Thursday, the deadline for each of the NFL's 28 teams to designate as many as three protected players in the new free agency system.

But sources at most NFL teams during the past two days said the 49ers would be among a minority opting to designate a "franchise" player. Teams naming a franchise player own sole negotiating rights to him but are also required to make an opening offer that would put him among the top five players at his position.

According to 49ers president Carmen Policy, the team made an effort to sign Young, the NFL's most valuable player last season, before the deadline, "But, with everything else going on, it's too complicated to get done, even by March

In teams' decision-making pro-cess ahead of the deadline, three

trends emerged: • Teams were not going to take risks on giving gigantic pay raises to either the franchise or the two "transition" players that can be named this year. Transition players can be retained when a team exercises its right-of-first-refusal by matching any contract offer the player receives from another team.

• A number of star players, like Washington Redskins tackle Jim Lachey, were to be protected as

will not be free agents. For instance, the Indianapolis Colts were to name defensive tackle Steve Eminan and linebacker Quentum who are under the content of Emiman and linebacker Quentin Coryatt, who are under contract through 1995. They were the top two selections in the 1992 college draft. Pittsburgh was expected to do the same with AFC rushing leader Barry Foster, as was Dallas with wide receiver Michael Irvin, both of whose contracts expire af-

• Teams found it almost impos sible to sign their potential fran-chise and transition players — or any other of the more than 300 unsigned veterans with five years of NFL service.

The hearing at which federal indge David Doty is expected to give preliminary approval to the settlement agreement is scheduled Friday. After that, "We don't know what will happen." Policy ob-served. "We're all navigating through new waters."
Young, who made \$2.5 million

last year, not including incentives, will get a minimum offer of \$3.265 million for next year. By comparison, Miami's Dan Marino is scheduled to make \$4.3 million this season. All-pro defensive tackle Pierce Holi, whom Policy said he would have made the franchise player had he been able to sign Young early, will be one of his two transition

players. Sources said six teams definitely would not name a franchise player, with seven more unlikely or leaning toward not doing so. Another six

Only five teams indicated they would designate a franchise player

the 49ers, the Redskins (linebacker Wilber Marshall), the Colts (linebacker Duane Bickett), the Philadelphia Eagles (defensive end Reggie White) and the Phoenix Cardinals (safety Tim McDonald).

White, whom the Redskins reportedly covet, and McDonald are among the 20 name plaintiffs in the class-action antitrust litigation settlement whose movement cannot be inhibited. By naming them as franchise players, the Eagles and Cardinals would earn an extra draft choice, likely to be in some stage of the first round. It does not affect other teams' pursuit of them.

League sources say Houston and Buffalo would name franchise players and Tampa was deciding whether to designate offensive tackle Paul Gruber.

Buffalo's top choice for that status appeared to be offensive tackle Wil Woolford.

Comeback Rolls On For Austin

INDIAN WELLS, California - Tracy Austin spiced her comeback with an impressive 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 upset of secondseeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria in the \$375,000 Evert

Cup. In the first round Tuesday, Austin, the 1979 and 1981 U.S. Open champion and a former No. 1 player, won her first match in nearly nine

But she was admittedly shell-shocked with her victory over the 12th-ranked Maleeva. "Do I look like I just got hit with a stun gun?" the 30-year-old Austin said. "It felt really, really good to have a match where you guts it out. I haven't

done that in a long time. I'm

still in shock.' Austin and Maleeva contested most of the points from the baseline. Austin's mobility and her concentration on the crucial points gave her the win. through when it had to," she

Baseball's Big Money Men Check In for Work

The Associated Press

The big boppers with the bulging wallets showed up at spring training. Barry Bonds, who signed a record \$43.75 million, six-year contract, arrived at the San Francisco Giants' camp in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Wednesday while Cecil Fielder, who agreed to a \$36 million, five-year deal with Detroit, arrived at the Tigers' complex in Lakeland Florida.

On his first day with his new team, Bonds

had to run for his money.
"I've never run so much," he said. "We stretched for 30 minutes, ran three miles, stretched some more and then did sprints. My back got real tight. "I'm not used to that kind of running," he

ram. I'll be happy when April comes and he running is over. Bonds, selected twice as National League Most Valuable Player while he was with the Pittsburgh Pirates, said he understands the

added. "I'm not accustomed to the new pro-

NEW YORK - Three-time Olympic cham-

ampionships over concerns about her fitness,

Joyner-Kersee last week tied a U.S. record in

the 50-meter hurdles in a meeting in Los Ange-

les, but injuries earlier in the season have kept

her from getting into the kind of shape neces-

sary to compete in the U.S. championships in New York Friday and in next month's worlds

in Toronto, Kersee said Wednesday.

pion Jackie Joyner-Kersee became the latest

star to drop out of next month's world indoor

her husband and trainer Bob Kersee said.

and they see us on a daily basis. Why dwell on my contract? Talk about David Letterman's contract. Enjoy the show. It's not going to change. We pay a lot of taxes — even more now. Cut us some slack. There's a lot more to life than to be bickering or

whining over money.' Fielder has led the major leagues in runs batted in the last three years. The only other player to do that was was Babe Ruth from 1919-1921.

"You know how the public is going to be," Fielder said. "They are going to expect things. All you can do is go out and play hard every day. I know this: I don't think I can do any better than what I've done so far."

Jose Canseco, whose \$23 million, five-year deal now seems modest, arrived at the Texas Rangers' spring training complex in Port Charlotte, Florida, for the first time and said he was in top physical and mental condition. Oakland traded the outfielder to Texas last

there's television, pay," he said. "The sports cises over the winter and it went away. It's chronic back problems and hasn't come close

the finals."

na, later this year.

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all the trials and heats and then give her all in

Earlier Wednesday Olympic 100 meter champion Linford Christie of Britain said a

back injury suffered in weight training had

Still, he said he has improved his quickness and predicted he would best Carl Lewis, who

failed to qualify for the 100 meters in Barcelo-

"It's got to happen before the world champi-

forced him out of the world championships.

world entertains people more than anyone, amazing. My arm feels strong. And overall and they see us on a daily basis. Why dwell my mental state is a lot better."

Bobby Bonilla arrived at the New York Mets' camp in Port St. Lucie. Florida, weighing 243 pounds (120 kilograms), about 27 pounds lighter than last year. He had a disappointing 1992, hitting a career-low .249. His season ended with arthroscopic surgery to his right shoulder in September.

In October, Bonilla attended the Duke University Diet Fitness Center for two weeks. "Stats don't lie." Bonilla said. "That made me run down there to do something like that. It was pretty tough, It was a lot of fun, though."

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees began preparations for his 10th full season with the same enthusiasm he had entering the first. "I love what I'm doing. When I come back,

I can't wait to get out there," Mattingly said. There is competition. It's a battle every day. It's definitely a high to be out there every day "I've had back problems all my life," Can- to perform and compete."

said of plans for a showdown with Lewis.

Promoter Andy Norman, Christie's race or-

In Budapest, meanwhile, the International

Reynolds, the world 400 meter record holder,

IVY LEAGUE-Named Carolyn Campbel

ive entis cooch. LAWRENCE—Named Rick Coles football

LOUISVILLE-Named Victor Petroni

Amateur Athletic Federation said it would dis-

cuss the Butch Reynolds case at a Council

meeting in Stuttgart on May 23-24.

steroid use.

ganizer, said a summer date at a European

meeting was now the most likely scenario.

look back about," he said. "I want to walk away and not say, 'I wish I did this or I wish I

■ Schott Stays Away Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, only four days from her suspension from baseball, arrived in Florida but had no immediate plans to visit the club's training camp, The Associated Press reported from

to putting up statistics similar to his MVP year of 1985, when he drove in 145 runs.

"I always said at the end I want nothing to

Plant City, Florida. General manager Jim Bowden, who earlier this week urged Schott to meet with players to clear the air by discussing her alleged racial slurs, said Thursday he changed his advice to Schott after meeting with players the day before.

Bowden wanted to let players share their feelings about Schott, who will start a one-year suspension on March 1, and the session

I'll tell you, Jim Bowden is a straightforenjoy it.

"We're entertainers, dude, and as long as seco said. "I did a little different back exer"We're entertainers, dude, and as long as seco said. "I did a little different back exerthe winter and it went away. It's chronic back problems and hasn't come close went well."

Ward guy." said shortstop Barry Larkin. "It chronic back problems and hasn't come close went well."

SIDELINES

Tributes Planned for Bobby Moore "We had a real big fight about it," Kersee said. "She's healthy but not ready to go through as the champion and him the challenger," he

LONDON (AP) - The Football League asked all clubs to observe a minute's silence before Saturday's games in memory of Bobby Moore, the captain of England's 1966 World Cup championship team who died Wednesday of cancer at the age of 51.

said.

It was just one of many tributes planned a man considered a legend in British sporting history. The Football Association said it was planning to designate the stairs to Wembley's royal box as the "Bobby Moore steps" and introduce a Bobby Moore Trophy competition.

Orioles Owner Reported Near a Sale

BALTIMORE (AP) — Eli S. Jacobs has agreed to sell the Orioles baseball team for \$140 million to a group of investors led by Cincinnati investment banker William O. DeWitt Jr., according to a Baltimore is back in action after a two-year suspension for

The Baltimore Sun, quoting unnamed sources, said the deal was being reviewed by Jacobs' creditors, who are pressing for repayment of millions of dollars in overdue loans.

Boxer Nunn Faces Weapons Charge

ORION, Illinois (AP) - WBA super middleweight champion Michael Nunn was arrested on an alcohol and weapons charge early Thursday after being pulled over for driving in what authorities said was an erratic

Nunn, 29, from Davenport, Iowa, was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and unlawful use of a weapon. He was freed after posting \$100 bond.

Deputies said two containers of beer and a 9-mm handgun were found

West Indies Embarrass Pakistan

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - The West Indies set a record in one-day international cricket Thursday when they bowled out World Cup holders Pakistan for only 43 runs.

The West Indies needed just 19 overs and five deliveries to dismiss the Pakistanis on a treacherous pitch. The previous lowest run total was Canada's 45 against England in a 1979 World Cup match at Old

• The Western Australian Cricket Association fired the groundsman who was criticized for having prepared a perfect pitch that enabled the West Indies to thrash Australia by an innings in the crucial fifth test last

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Pity the Poor Rich

WASHINGTON — The rich beating a terrible beating a terrible beating and the rich president Clinton on down to a lowly congressman, everyone has been making the wealthy the political issue of

Why us?" Grossbart asked his accountant Ken Able.

"Why not you?" Ken replied. "Everybody wants to be rich. Why are they

mad at us?" "Because you're not feeling pain. By failing to pay your fair share of taxes, you've been living off the fat of the land."

"I haven't paid my share because you Buchwald wouldn't let me. Your advice was Ask not what your country can do for you, but how many tax loopholes you can find in your coun-

Able said, "The middle class despises you."
"I don't despise the middle class.

I love them. Whenever I meet peo-ple from the middle class at a Safeway or at a football game. I go out of my way to be nice to them. Almost all my relatives are middle class, except for a few insurance lawyers who live in New Jersey."

Ken said, "Don't worry about people's attitudes hurting you. Even when you pay all the new taxes you will still be rich." "Yes, but will Clinton still hate

Strike Blocks Opening Of Paris Matisse Show

The Associated Press

PARIS - Striking museum workers forced the cancellation Wednesday of the official opening of "Henri Matisse: 1904-1917," at

the Pompidou center. The strike forced cancellation of the invitation-only inauguration of the show Wednesday, and raised doubts as to whether it would open to the public as scheduled Thursday. The museum workers were demanding better job security and

you're the only thing he has as an example of what is wrong with

> "He wasn't too upset with me when he needed money for his cam-

paign,"
"Grossbart, you can't get dis-tressed by all the envy in the land. Rich people have never been loved by those who mow their own

I replied, "Nobody ever complains about the oil companies." "A lot of industries get breaks, but people don't know about them. What bothers America when it comes to the rich is that they can deduct their meals, their transportation and even their theater tickers as legitimate expenses. To many Americans this is unfair."

the Constitution." "Where is it in the Constitu-

'We wouldn't do it if it wasn't in

"In the second amendment where it says about the right of the people to keep and bear arms."
"That has nothing to do with a

citizen's wealth." "Well, it should have."

Ken said. "There is no getting away from it. You are going to have to pay more than your share. Congress can't afford to let you off the hook the way they did during the Reagan-Bush years."

"It's so unfair," Grossbart said. "I started poor, became a workaholic, climbed to the top and wound up filthy rich. Now they want me to pay for it."

"Not all of it. You'll still have enough money to purchase a Super Bowl ticker.

"What I don't like about this climate is that my wife and I can't show anyone how rich we are. What am I supposed to do with my Gucci loafers and Armani suits?"

Ken laughed, "Put them in the closet. Once Clinton pays off the deficit, you can take them out

again." "I suppose that I can't go to the best restaurants anymore? You can, but you are going to have to pay for your lunch out of

your own pocket. Grossbart lost his cool, "Clinton has gone mad. Whoever heard of a person in the top income bracket paying for his own food?"

China's Cultural Climate: Warming Trend

By Nicholas D. Kristof

New York Timer Service

BEJING — Throughout the ideological and cultural worlds, Chinese are again testing the limits, and mostly getting away with it. Bold films, plays and books are appearing, newspapers are becoming readable. China's foremost rock 'n' roll star is back on stage, and sex and democ-racy (in that order) are again on the agen-

The kind and gentle face of communism, a young woman in a silk blouse who is the anchor for the evening news, has been opening the broadcast in recent weeks with a smile and a greeting that is startling in what it leaves out: "Good evening, viewers."

In one of those signals that the ideological winds have shifted, that the cultural world is opening up, she and the other news anchors have abandoned the previous greeting, "Viewers and comrades, good evening," which the hard-liners have insisted on for three years.

"Comrades" is not just a word in China but a storm signal. Whenever it is hoisted, it is a warning that the cultural commissars are on patrol. When it is dropped, people know they can have fun again.

"The government's lightening up," said a Chinese journalist who has been in political trouble for most of the last few years. "We can breathe again."

The novelty of having interesting or entertaining things to do has a political dimension as well. A few years ago, when the hard-liners were at the apex of their power, most ordinary workers and young people did not feel so much repressed by unism as bored by it.

When pressed about the reasons for their alienation, they did not mention the lack of a vote so much as the lack of decent entertainment. The problem with the newspapers and television, in the minds of many people, was not so much that they lied but that they were so excruciatingly

Now that is changing. Soap operas appear on television to supplement the docu-mentaries on tractor factories. At the cinemas, Hong Kong kung fu films have replaced propaganda movies about gallant Communist Party officials dying young. Some of the new books and newspaper

articles are about politics, including careful calls for more democracy, but the ta-boo that artists and audiences are breaking with the greatest zeal has to do with nudity and sex.

"Nudity" declared the Culture Ministry newspaper in a huge Chinese character superimposed over a photo of a Western woman's partly uncovered torso. The ac-



Rocker Cui Jian: Dancing is making a comeback as an antidote to boredom.

of the lack of nudity in Chinese films, but the photo could scarcely have been more out of place in a newspaper that until recently was a bastion of orthodoxy.

"We're now trying to reform the news-paper and push it onto the market sys-tem," said Zhang Zuomin, an editor. "Of course, there may be a few problems here and there. But our direction is the right

Theaters in both Beijing and Shanghai have experimented with partial nudity on stage, but in Shanghai a couple simulated

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love-making behind a glass panel and in Beijing an actress wore flesh-colored un-derwear. In the southern city of Shunde, which has never been renowned for either culture or restraint, a floor show features a young woman disrobing under a strobe light for what purports to be an artistic shower scene.

Pornography is banned in China and yet is hugely profitable, so publishers have been searching for excuses to peddle lurid material. A company in the central city of Wuhan seems to have hit the jackpot with

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a cheap booklet whose cover is a pastiche of tiny photos of naked buttocks and

"Selected Cases of Young Women Mo-lested Around the Nation," the headline reads in bold red characters. A one-paragraph preface explains that the publisher's purpose is to alert women to the dangers of rape and sexual abuse. The next 75 pages provide examples.

"The cultural environment reflects the fact that the overall political atmosphere is more relaxed now, and the economy is doing well," said He Xin, a social critic who is identified with the hard-liners and now appears to be trying to refurbish his image. Sure, the opening may generate some problems, but that's O. K. The scale of the problems is very small."

Controls over films have been eased, and Chinese viewers have finally been able to see the movies of Zhang Yimou, the Chinese director whose productions "Ju-dou" and "Raise the Red Lantern" were banned at home while being nominated for Academy Awards in the United States.

Moreover, young filmmakers are learning that they can largely ignore the authorities. When a veteran Chinese actor returned recently to Beijing from an extended start abroad he manualed that tended stay abroad, he marveled that young people were putting together rock in roll films without getting approval from anyone.

"That never used to be possible," be told them in awe.

Cui Jian. China's best-known rock musician, was allowed to hold a large concert in Beijing at the end of December for the first time in several years. Every seat was taken, and the fans cheered and shouted and danced as the police watched stonily from their seats; just a couple of years ago, a man who tried to dance at a rock concert

was dragged off by the police. The authorities last month allowed Chinese to operate private ham radio stations for the first time, and discos and karaoke bars are sprouting throughout the country. Newspapers are starting weekend enter-tainment sections, and the afternoon tabloids in particular are writing about crime. scandals and pop stars.

Occasionally they even publish news. The Communist Party has had to warn the New People's Evening News in Shanghai three times in the last few months about its new-found enthusiasm for publishing

scoops.

"Journalism is changing extremely rapidly," said a Chinese journalist who is reporting about changes in the newspaper industry. "Plenty of publications will lose their subsidies this year, so all of a sudden they're scrambling for readers. They'll never be the same."

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James Joyce May Be Back in the Courts

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Michael Milken, the former Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. fi-nancier who was released from prison last month, has prostate cancer but expects to resume "as active and normal a life as possible." he said in a press release. It is unclear how Milken's health will affect the remainder of his sentence for securi-ties violations. His attorney said Milken had submitted a proposal for how he intends to fulfill 1,800 hours of court-ordered community service but Federal District Judge Kimba Wood, in Manhattan, must approve the program.

Gary Coleman, the former televi-sion star of "Diff rent Strokes" was awarded nearly \$1.3 million by a judge who ruled that Coleman's parents and business adviser siphoned funds from his earnings. Coleman. 25, sued in 1989, alleging that his parents, Willie and Educania Cole man, and his former business adviser, Anita De Thomas, mismanaged his money and misappropriated assets for their own benefit.

The Duchess of York, whose jet-set holidays in Switzerland, Thai-land and Morocco made newspaper headlines in recent months, is taking her latest holiday at a more modest English seaside resort. The estranged wife of Prince Andrew took her two daughters to Torquay. She rented a minibus and drove her party, which included her sister and her bodyguards, around the area.

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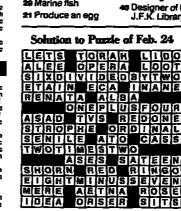
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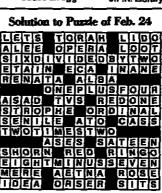
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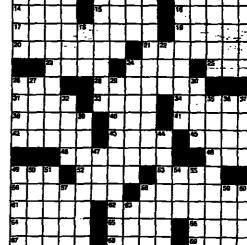
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OFFICIAL AND CONFI-DENTIAL: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover

By Anthony Summers. Illustrated. 528 pages. \$23.95. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

VEN in an era of studies high-L ly critical of J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the FBI from 1924 until his death in 1972, Anthony Summers's new biography. "Offi-cial and Confidential: The Secret Life of J. Edgar Hoover," sets a new standard of what might gently

be called revisionism. If we are to believe the book's most extreme allegations, then Hoover was indirectly responsible

for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. As Summers sees it, members of the Mafia hired Lee Harvey Oswald. They were fed up with the Kennedys for harassing them through the Attorney General's Office, a double-cross in their minds because they had helped to elect the president by delivering

phony votes in Chicago.

And why, in Summers's version of history, was the mob at liberty to kill President Kennedy? Because its members had neutralized the FBI for decades by blackmailing its director. They knew of his homosexuality. They possessed photographs of him performing a deviate sex act. They had seen him at parties in

And so, writes Summers, Hower simply denied the existence of the Mafia and concentrated his forces vision report "The Secret File on J. on rooting out Communists instead.

These are the most astonishing of the author's accusations, but they barely surpass a half-dozen or so others, the most extreme of which are that Hoover ignored an early warning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and that he conspired with Lyndon B. Johnson to blackmail the Kennedys into designating Johnson as John Kennedy's running mate.

As for Hoover himself: he is portraved as alcoholic, bigoted, mega-lomanic, addicted to gambling, mentally unstable and premature senile. He apparently dreamed of being the head of a worldwide police agency and never got over be-ing denied control of the CIA.

the writing and presentation of "Official and Confidential."

How seriously, if at all, are we to take this portrait of Hoover, which Edgar Hoover**?

books, "Goddess: The Secret Lives of Marilyn Monroe," was not unimpressive for its welter of evidence on the actress's clandestine ties to John and Robert Kennedy. In researching his book on Hoover, the author conducted more than 800 viously concealed documentation.

More seriously, Summers's docu-mentation is unsatisfying. To back up many of his charges he cites single sources, yet fails to weigh for the reader their reliability. He leaves ill-organized and impenetrable Out of its depths future com-

source notes whether his findings tors may grope for the light. are first- or secondhand. None of this disproves Summers's conclusions, of course. But it on the staff of The New York Times.

One of Summers's previous lends his case a sticky patina of sensationalism. You even begin to rebel after a while at the hectoring of Hoover for his reputed homosexuality, even though his reported homoohobia makes his exposure seem deserved, and even though, as Summers puts it, "A homosexual interviews and consulted much pre- FBI director, in charge of the nation's internal security, was a clas-Yet there is a slapdash quality to sic target for any hostile intelli-

gence service - especially that of the Soviet Union." Still, the case that "Official and Confidential" makes is so oversiveness that it has to be acknowlthe reader their reliability. He leaves edged as an impressive swamp of us to figure out for ourselves from negativity about J. Edgar Hoover.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott TEAM event that is some A times played in Britain but is rare on the other side of the Atlantic requires players to rotate part-nerships, thus diminishing the im-pact of sophisticated bidding methods. A New York Competition has used this format since 1986, and the winning foursome in play on Feb. 6 was headed by Edgar Kaplan, his teammates were Judy Tucker, Gail Greenberg and

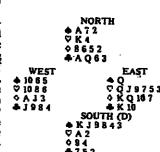
Dorothy Truscott, all from New The diagramed deal contributed to the victory of the Kaplan team. Greenberg's raise, as North, of the weak two-spade opening bid to game was decidedly frisky, but the bid has the advantage of putting considerable pressure on the oppo-nents. East could not tell whether North had high-card strength and

expected to make four spades, or was pre-empting in the hope of shutting out a four-heart contract for East-West. The truth lay half way between those extreme

East doubled, giving South a useful crumb of information. West led a trump, and that solved one of the problems for Truscott, sitting South. She played four rounds of trumps, crossed to the heart king, and put East to the test by leading a low club. If East had played the ten promptly, South would eventually have had to guess what to do on the next round of clubs. East's double would perhaps have guided the declarer in the right direction.

But East started to worry about the possibility that South held the club jack, and that thinking was fatal. He put up the king, ending matters, but a slow ten would have given South the needed clue. The

the game was not reached in the

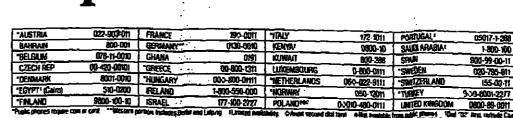


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